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Ms. Kristine Firethunder
Executive Director
Governor's Office of Tribal Relations
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: FY 2021 State Parks Board Tribal Consultation and Outreach Annual Report
(A.R.S. § 41-2051)

Dear Ms. Firethunder:

Please find attached the statutory annual report on tribal consultation and outreach evaluating the performance and activities of Arizona State Parks and Trails in Fiscal Year 2021.

We have summarized the key activities undertaken by the Director and agency. Our primary activities have been building relationships, implementing performance measures, and applying the internal practices to support our agency's commitment to strong relationships with Arizona's tribes.

If you have any questions or require additional information related to this report, please do not hesitate to contact our tribal liaison, Brittany Hudson, by email at bhudson@azstateparks.gov or by telephone at (602) 542-7103.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Franquist".

Timothy Franquist
Deputy Director
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Agency Overview:

The mission of Arizona State Parks & Trails (ASPT) is managing and conserving Arizona's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of people, both in our parks and through our partners at 35 state parks and natural areas. The agency also manages the state trails program; outdoor recreation grants program; statewide outdoor recreation planning; off-highway vehicle program; and the State Historic Preservation Office, which is responsible for administering federal and state compliance activities related to historical preservation and the protection of antiquities. This breadth of activity illustrates the need for ASPT to maintain a meaningful and collaborative relationship with all our tribal partners.

ASPT continues to focus on strengthening existing relationships and building new relationships with tribal communities, training and educating staff about cultural sensitivity and compliance with federal and state cultural laws, and refining internal processes and programs that intersect with tribal nations. As outlined below, Director Broscheid and his team continues to build relationships with tribal nations, creating a culture of partnership, and renewing the agency's longstanding commitment to preservation.

Highlights:

- The agency updated its tribal policy document that effectively outlines the agency's tribal consultation process.
- The agency received 5 million dollars in general fund monies from the Legislature and 5 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act monies for the Heritage Fund this past Legislative session. These funds are available for non-motorized trails grants, historic preservation grants, environmental education grants, and local, regional and state park grants. The agency has been holding grant workshops and continuing to inform tribal nations about these grant opportunities that they can take part of.
- The agency is currently in the process of updating our Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Each state is tasked with identifying outdoor recreation issues of statewide importance once every five years to be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars. The agency invited all tribal nations to participate in the virtual stakeholder meetings that were held and the agency will be holding focus groups for tribal nations, who were not able to participate in the virtual stakeholder sessions, in the upcoming weeks.

Challenges:

- While there was more correspondence with tribal nations from our office during this fiscal year, the agency ran into some challenges receiving responses or feedback from some tribal nations to the correspondence put forth. The tribal liaison has started tracking the tribal nations who have not been as responsive and will be working on finding additional ways to engage.



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Looking toward 2022, the agency’s major objectives are continuing to build strong partnerships with tribal nations and organizations, effectively consulting with tribes on all development processes often and in a timely manner now according to our updated tribal policy, continuing to educate and inform tribal communities about our new heritage fund monies and other grants that are available through the agency, and working together as an agency to continue to foster park engagement with all tribal communities.

Area	Activities
Executive Commitment to Connecting with Tribal Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) continues to advocate for cultural resource protection and engage directly with tribes when there are concerns about a particular project. They work with the tribe and the state or federal agency to ensure tribal voices are heard in project planning and concerns are addressed by the agency in a timely manner.
Internal Agency-Wide Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency is applying its processes for building development, grants management, and tribal consultation that was developed last fiscal year. • The agency updated its tribal policy document that effectively outlines the agency’s tribal consultation process. • The agency has been holding grant workshops and continuing to inform tribal nations about our grant opportunities. • The tribal liaison continues to hold tribal consultations for specific park projects and includes the tribes in every activity the agency has that may impact tribal lands for input.



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External Agency-Wide Activities

- The agency has recently formed a relationship and partnership with the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. Their organization has helped with advertising for our grant workshops on their newsletters to various tribal nations. The tribal liaison will be attending their upcoming tourism conference in October.
- The agency's marketing team conducted its first interview of the year on our podcast show with Noni Nez-Lyndon, Kaibab's Tribal Liaison about site stewardship and tribal perspectives, and our tribal monitor program. We also created a landing page for the podcast with more information. <https://azstateparks.com/podcast>
- SHPO continues to serve as a resource for state agencies regarding tribal consultation and compliance with state and federal cultural resources law.
- The agency recently polled tribes about their desire, if any, to collectively engage with SHPO in non-project specific listening sessions on matters involving historic preservation; we had a very positive response and will be holding our first meetings in October 2021.
- The agency also continues to support the Site Steward volunteers who protect archaeological sites in the state.