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News and Information on the State's border-to-border Arizona Trail project

National Trails Day 2000

Celebrate the Arizona Trail - Millennium Legacy Trail Designation!

Saturday, June 3rd is National Trails Day. All Arizona Trail enthusiasts are encouraged to participate in this celebration of the trail! ATA has scheduled a variety of activities for you to choose from. Hike or ride the trail and/or attend one of the community celebrations.

Register with ATA and hike or ride a section of the Arizona Trail individually or as a group, on or before June 3rd. In exchange for a trail condition report returned to ATA, you will receive a bandanna and water bottle for your participation. Check the ATA website (www.aztrail.org) or contact the registration coordinator, Terry Sario (ntd2000@aztrail.org or 602-246-4508).

Following your hike or ride, join other trails enthusiasts at one of seven community events along the Arizona Trail. The premier celebration will be at Buffalo Park in Flagstaff starting at 2:00 pm and lasting all afternoon. There will be music, clinics, and demonstrations as well as outdoor clubs and retailers. You can

select from a variety of other trail fiestas to be held in Pine, Superior, Oracle, Tucson, Patagonia, and Sierra Vista. Check the website or call ATA for details (602-252-4794).

These events are a wonderful opportunity to focus a tremendous amount of attention on the success of the Arizona Trail - in local communities, statewide, and nationally. Communities along the trail will be reminded of this exciting volunteer and partnership-based project going through their backyard. Awareness of the trail can result in a broader base of support to accomplish our goal of completing this 790-mile border-to-border trail.

ATA invites everyone to participate not only in using the trail, but celebrating it as well at one of the community events on June 3rd. Invite a friend to join you for a very significant day in the history of the Arizona Trail. Be a part of that history and celebrate the successful accomplishments that has become the legacy of the Arizona Trail. *Map and volunteer forms on pages 9 & 10.*

National Trails Day



June 3, 2000

Annual Meeting Attracts Statewide Members

An impressive group of guest speakers who are national, state, and regional trails leaders helped attract the largest number of attendees to ever participate in an ATA Annual Meeting and Recognition Luncheon held in Phoenix at the South Mountain Environmental Education Center on Saturday, February 5, 2000.



Keynote speaker: Steve Elkinton

Keynote speaker Steve Elkinton, National Park Service's Program Leader for the National Trail System, Pam Gluck, Executive Director of American Trails, and Denise Meridith, Arizona State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, were highlighted guests at the Recognition Luncheon.

Steve Elkinton and Pam Gluck made a special White House Millennium Council presentation to Dale Shewalter, founder of the Arizona Trail, designating the Arizona Trail as one of America's Millennium Legacy Trails.

Only one trail from each state was nominated for this honor by each state's governor. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, White House Millennium Council, American Express, and The National Endowment for the Arts joined together to sponsor this highly-acclaimed national celebration of America's most outstanding trails for the new century.

Others honored at the Annual Meeting included rigorous trail planning and construction volunteers Merle Parmer and Chuck Horner; talented graphic artist Phyllis Ralley; ATA database



A full house of Arizona Trail enthusiasts enjoy the ATA Annual Meeting at the South Mountain Park, Environmental Education Center.

The Arizona Trail **Our Vision...**

a continuous, non-motorized trail traversing the state nearly 790 miles from Mexico to Utah, linking deserts, mountains, canyons, communities, and people.

The **Arizona Trail Association** coordinates the planning, development, management and promotion of the Arizona Trail for recreational and educational experiences for non-motorized trail use.

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President's Pride

by Jan Hancock

When our newsletter editor, asked me if I would write an article from the president's perspective for our quarterly newsletters, my reply was "If the space in our newsletter will allow me an opportunity to express how proud I am of so many of our volunteers, I'll be thrilled to do it!"

As most Americans realize, one of the truly admirable strengths of our nation is the enormous number of exceptionally good, involved citizens who volunteer their time and talents to projects and organizations that better the American way of life.

My pride rests with the exceptionally good and involved citizens that are volunteers in our Arizona Trail project. I witness people every day, every hour, who extend their hands and hearts to help move this exciting trail program forward.

Our admired volunteers need to take pride in what they are doing to make Arizona one of the brightest stars in our nation's outstanding long-distance trail system. We will probably never know how much pleasure and environmental education we are bringing to the unknown visitors who will travel from all around the world to experience the Arizona Trail in the decades to come.

Each mile of trail we build and effectively maintain opens an opportunity for our friends, families, visitors, and yes, even ourselves, to experience the "real Arizona."

Our volunteers give community group presentations; regularly mail brochures to several hundred visitor centers and public land agency offices; sleep out in tents on rainy nights at trail building events; make scores of telephone calls; tug, pull, and strain to build a good, solid gate that will withstand years of use; work side-by-side with archaeologists and biologists to help flag the trail route for construction crews; rebuild the trail after a forest fire; trim bushes and clear tread to maintain the trail; attend meetings all over the state; help youth programs become involved; train new stewards who adopt sections of the trail... it goes on and on every day, every hour.

Each person who has become involved in the Arizona Trail project needs to throw his or her shoulders back with pride and recognize what an important gift your time and talent are giving to the future of America, and Arizona. I'm awed by the extent of the commitment and effort invested by each and every one of you, and I am sincerely proud of everything you are accomplishing to keep our project moving forward.

Dean Prichard Honored

One of the founding Charter Members of the Arizona Trail Association, Dean Prichard, was recently recognized at the 6th Annual ATA Annual Meeting for his five years of Outstanding Service on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Trail Association.

Dean is the Segment Steward for the Oracle Ridge passage of the Arizona Trail. He was instrumental in opening the Cody Trail segment and establishing the American Flag trailhead at Oracle, near State Parks' Oracle Center for Environmental Education.

Dean owns High Jinks Ranch, a historic treasure along the route of the Arizona Trail. His home on the ranch has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

An active horseman and talented journalist for regional, national and international publications, Dean brought his equestrian knowledge and experience to the ATA when the organization was being formed. He served on the ATA Board of Directors from 1994-1999. He is currently helping a group of enthusiastic long distance trail riders in the Oracle and Tucson area in planning a through-ride on the Arizona Trail next year.



ATA Founding Charter Member, Dean Prichard at home and in his element.

Executive Director's Report

by Larry Snead

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a very unique, interesting and informative event in Washington, DC. The American Hiking Society invited me to participate in their annual "Hike the Hill - Trail Advocacy Week" held March 12-15, 2000. Over 30 Trails were represented by the 60 event participants including the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Washington Trails Association, Santa Fe Trail, Florida Trail Association and the new American Discovery Trail.

During the first two days of the program there were presentations on accessing state trails funding, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails and Enhancements Programs of the Department of Transportation. We also had round table meetings with the top national trail and recreation leaders with the National Park Service, United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. I also personally had the opportunity to meet individually with many of these key national agency trail leaders including Tom Ross, Steve Elkinton and Steve Morris with the National Park Service; the Bureau of Land Management National Trails Coordinator Deb Smith; and US Forest Service Jim Miller and Don Hansen.

I was able to schedule a visit with all eight of our Arizona congressional representative's Washington offices and meet with the congressman or a key staff person to familiarize them with

the value and opportunities the Arizona Trail brings our state. I was very pleased to learn that they all already knew a lot about the Arizona Trail and really appreciated the information update.

Each office now has a lot more information about the Arizona Trail including the Westcliffe Publisher's book "Along The Arizona Trail" and a copy of our new video.

Congressman J.D. Hayworth was very interested in our trail project and wants to be supportive in several ways. He requested an opportunity to attend one of our work events so he can help us build the trail. Congressman Pastor and his staff were excited to learn that in Pima County there are plans to link the Arizona Trail with the Anza Trail and that the Anza Trail links with the Pacific Crest Trail in California. Someday the Arizona Trail will be linked in such a way to enable a trail user to use three trail systems and go from Mexico to Canada. Congressman Bob Stump told me about his interest and support of the Arizona Trail for many years and how he participated in the Kaibab Plateau - Jacob Lake Trailhead dedication many years ago.

All-in-all I can now say with confidence that the Arizona Trail has lots of friends and supporters in Washington. They know what we are doing out here in Arizona and share our enthusiasm and dedication toward the completion of this wonderful project that will become our legacy for future generations.



ATA Executive Director Larry Snead "Hikes the Hill" for the Arizona Trail.

Membership Campaign Continues... Invite a Friend to Join the ATA!

Are your hiking or riding companions members of the Arizona Trail Association? We have a special reward for you if you recruit a new member to join the Arizona Trail Association!

A special collector's pin for your cap, hat, backpack or jacket with the ATA trail marker logo will be sent to every person who recruits a new member to the Arizona Trail Association! This pin can only be earned through recruiting a new member...wear it with pride!

Give a gift membership to the Arizona Trail Association. They will receive a member certificate and a copy of our quarterly newsletter with their membership, and they can take pride in joining with you in being part of one of America's newest, award-winning long-distance trails in the nation!

Remember, all memberships in the Arizona Trail Association are tax deductible as a contribution to a 501-(c)(3) non-profit organization, and many employers give matching donations to charitable organizations.

To receive your membership pin write your name on the last line at the bottom of the completed membership form on the last page of this newsletter, "Referred By:"

If this is a gift membership, please fully complete the form, enclose a check or money order, and check the "gift" box. ATA volunteers will mail a gift announcement, from you, to the recipient! Please allow three weeks to receive your pin and gift announcements...volunteers at work!



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CENTRAL REGION

Superstition Wilderness, Tonto National Forest

Thirty-seven volunteers defied the weather forecast to join Sharon Steivater of the Tonto Basin Ranger District to trim and grub cat claw, scrub oak, and mesquite along the Arizona Trail in Cottonwood Canyon near Roosevelt Lake. About two of the 3.2 miles of canyon trail were improved on March 4.

Saturday evening volunteers gathered at the ramada for a potluck dinner. The Y2K Cottonwood Canyon Cook-off was won by Ron Gilbert's wife for her exceptional taco soup. Later around the fire, Merleen Wyatt and Jessie Valencia delighted everyone with their guitar playing and singing. The rains rolled in very early Sunday morning. The event leader's suggestion over breakfast Sunday morning that work should proceed rain or shine was not particularly well received.

Thanks go to many for making this a great event. Crew leaders Eric Anderson, Prince Arthur VIII, Les Cherow, Sally Borg Larimer, and Paul Martucci enabled Project Leader Michael Baker to realize his goal of a safe, enjoyable, and productive event. Jennifer DeWitt overcame the absent-mindedness of the Project Leader to provide two quality breakfasts on time. She was assisted by many but especially Joan and Don Pochop and Shirley Armstrong. ATA, Walt Thole of the Payson Ranger District, and Carl Golnik came through with an ample supply of tools.

Special thanks go to District Ranger Tina Terrell for her support, and to Tonto Basin staff Larry Careau and especially Sharon Stievater. Thanks to the ATA, the *Sierra Club*, and *Make a Difference* for help in recruiting volunteers, *Wilderness Adventures*, for food service gear loans and donations, *Back East Bagels* of Mesa for bagels and cream cheese, and Jack Carson and Elizabeth Stewart for the donation of the "Hikers Guide to the Superstition Wilderness".

Volunteers not already mentioned: Brent Capriotti, Deann Clay, Ron Gilbert, Amy Gorsline, Glenn and Jo Haslett, Martha Hobbs, Susan Howard-Duty, Brian McCay, Lee Milne, Greg Morse, Kevin Peterson, Shawn Redfield, Mark Roth, Marilyn Schrab, Jake Sherosky, Toby Smith, Mike Snodgrass, Marge Sparks, Heidi Szymkowski, Jessie Valencia, Diane & Richard Wertz, and Robin Wright

- Michael Baker

Tortilla Mountains & Black Hills, Pinal County

Jim Martin, Chuck Horner, and Merle Parmer were busy during the months of January and February working on sections of new trail in Pinal County. Merle and Chuck continued trail flagging in the Antelope Peak area near Bloodsucker Wash (Jan 19-20). The section from Putnam Wash north to the ridge overlooking Antelope Tank was route-flagged, and more tread flagging was added coming out of Putnam Wash. Some work was done on three possible re-routes around Bloodsucker Wash in preparation for requesting approval from land management agencies.

The work project on February 12th by Kent Taylor and bicyclists from Casa Grande resulted in the construction of several hundred yards of trail coming north out of Putnam Wash. Six workers built new trail from the wash to the top of the ridge. Workers were Jim Martin, Kent Taylor, Janice and

Bob Fnurpus, Chuck Horner, and Merle Parmer.

On February 18, Jim, Chuck, and Merle joined Steve Ross, State Land Department archaeologist, to flag the route around Antelope Peak. Then on February 26, they joined Francisco Mendoza, Recreation Planner with the Bureau of Land Management's Tucson office to survey the trail route through BLM land south of the Gila River. With the help of as many ATA volunteers as possible at work events Jim, Chuck, and Merle's hard work will be paid off with the completion of the Arizona Trail in Pinal County.

- Merle Parmer, *Volunteer Extraordinaire*

Mazatzal Divide, Tonto National Forest

The ongoing saga of the battle of brush. Once again, for the sixth time I look my adversary in the eye - the rugged and very steep Mazatzal Mountains. Am I ever going to reach the Divide/Arizona Trail or will I be forever stuck hacking my way there? No - this time I came prepared with an army of

volunteers (well, maybe a squad). John Eivins - veteran of numerous brush battles and acting as assistant squad leader; Al Horn, Pat Laux, Walt Skrunch, Nell Zimmerman, Bud Armstrong (all from Sun City West Sportsmens Club), were led by 77-year old Gerald Horton



(retired Forest Service ranger). I was feeling very confident - but more so because my new bride - ATA first international trail worker from Kiev, Ukraine was there to lend me moral and social support. This was D-Day - along with us was noted film maker Steven Spielberg alias Derald Hoffman catching all the action on video and still photos.

The group attacked Rock Creek from the front and back, pruning, sawing, and hacking. The brush was piling up so high that Inga was lost in the mountain of brush as she was hauling it away - we heard her cries and were able to rescue her. By 4:30 p.m. the dust had settled, the sun was setting, and we trudged triumphantly back to our vehicles through snow and rocks. We now had a clear path home - the battle was won. No casualties.

- Tony Viviano, *Segment Steward*

Pine Mountain/Boulder Creek, Tonto NF

My name is Dan Omerza, of troop 858, Mesa, Arizona. My Eagle Scout Project was for my troop and I to work on the Boulder Creek Trail near Sunflower. This part of the trail is home to saguaros, ponderosa pines, birds, and other wildlife. By clearing this trail, these things may now be witnessed by anyone choosing to hike this passage of the trail. I chose to carry out this project because it would give other scouts the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful part of the Arizona Trail. We began clearing the trail on the 17th of April, 1999. The next day we finished cutting and trimming overgrown trees and brush, and

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making the trail more accessible to hikers. Mr. Carl Golnik guided me in carrying out the project as well as supplying us with the proper tools. He also took part in clearing the trail with us. A great deal of thanks is due to all who helped and supported me in this project.

- Dan Omerza



As a Boy Scout for Troop 148, I found myself in need of a project that would satisfy the Eagle Scout requirements. I was looking for a project that would allow me to employ leadership, organization, and teamwork while at the same time allow me to exemplify the scouting spirit of headwork and adventure.

I chose to work with the Arizona Trail Association to restore a section of trail. With the help of a local ATA member, I was able to organize a small group of scouts and contribute to the Arizona Trail. As a group we worked on a section of existing



trail. We removed impeding stones and brush, as well as adding an outslope to the path to prevent further erosion. The work was hard but rewarding. I feel confident that others may now enjoy the fruits of our experience. I learned a lot from

the experience, and it is something that I would recommend to fellow scouts and volunteers.

- Phillip Gloude-mans

Black Hills Passage, Pinal County

Round Trip Bike Shop Segment Steward Kent Taylor and MBAA Segment Steward Anna Pfender gathered their volunteers and joined forces on March 18 and 19 to construct more than 1/2 mile of new trail. This segment is north of Oracle and southeast of Florence, and is in some of the more rugged, remote desert country of Arizona.

The trail work included construction of a climbing turn, heavy benching along the side of a mountain, and completion of a nice stretch up on top along the ridge. Once the ridge was gained, the crew was rewarded with spectacular views of the surrounding Tortilla Mountains, including Antelope Peak to the north. Mt. Lemmon was also visible to the south, and the San Pedro River Valley could be seen to the east.

A total of 18 volunteers helped out over the weekend and they should be commended for their hard work and fortitude.

ATA volunteers Chuck Horner and Merle Parmer brought out the ATA tool trailer and helped lead the trail crews. They had also flagged the trail prior to the work event. Kent's volunteers from Round Trip Bike Shop in Casa Grande included Caitlen Taylor, Eric Wilkey, Ian Wilkey, and Rick Bylsma. Kent, Eric and Rick are also MBAA members. MBAA volunteers included Jeff Pappas, Anthony Gelinas, Kevin Lockart, and Mike Luecker from the Phoenix area, and Robb Gibson out of Tucson. Mike also brought some of his Phoenix area friends - a group of Civil Engineers who included Keith Duffy, Gierman Peidrahita, and Josh Sanders. Other ATA volunteers were Helen Hill from metro Phoenix and Jerry Curless from Tucson. Many, many thanks to all of the terrific volunteers who did excellent work. Future trail users will no doubt find this segment to be well built, while offering a great deal of challenge as well as exceptional views.

- Anna Pfender, Segment Steward

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Canelo Hills East, Coronado National Forest

On January 29th, an enthusiastic crew from the Huachuca Hiking Club and personnel from the Sierra Vista Ranger District hiked several miles to a remote section of the Canelo Hills East Passage to trim overgrown vegetation and install water bars. After reaching the Arizona Trail at the head of Collins Canyon, the crew divided into two groups and worked along a three mile section of the trail. The pleasant temperatures and scenic views made the work event all the more enjoyable. After returning late that day to our vehicles, we realized that hiking 10 miles round trip along with steady lopper work was a good test of physical endurance.

- Steve Saway, Regional Steward

Huachuca Mountains, Coronado National Forest

On February 26th, an Eagle Scout candidate, Alex Laszok, 14, coordinated the restoration of a one mile stretch of the Arizona Trail near Parker Canyon Lake.

Prior to that day, Alex, his father, and I had surveyed the trail and identified serious erosion problems, downed signs, and overgrown vegetation. The trail was hard to follow in places and a long section was severely rutted. To his credit, Alex planned, organized, and executed a very successful work event which accomplished virtually all of the needed improvements.

Over fifty Scouts and adults turned out that day to restore the trail. Cathy Kahlow of the Sierra Vista Ranger District provided the tools and a safety briefing. Alex organized the Scouts into multiple work groups with defined work assignments. The Scouts installed numerous signs and rock cairns to clearly mark the trail, constructed water bars, filled in a long section of the trail which had been cut by erosion, and trimmed overhanging tree limbs and vegetation. Alex even provided a delicious lunch of *Robin Hood* subs and the fixings for everyone (the Scouts cannot work on an empty stomach!).

All in all, Alex raised the standard for Eagle Scout projects along the Arizona Trail.

- Steve Saway, Regional Steward

Tracks... from Mexico to Utah

Help Wanted!

Volunteer carpentry skills needed to build tool racks inside the new northern Arizona tool trailer. Contact ATA.

Five Heritage Fund Trails Grants submitted to Arizona State Parks for Arizona Trail:

Babbitt Ranch Passage acquisition; South Rim of the Grand Canyon trail development; Coronado National Forest - Redington Pass realignment; Tonto National Forest - Four Peaks reconstruction and Picketpost Trailhead construction. Arizona Lottery dollars support the Heritage Fund, and the successful award of these grants will provide essential funding to complete these sections of the Arizona Trail.

ATA Volunteers Wanted in Redding, California

September 21-24, 2000 is the National Trails Symposium being held in beautiful Northern California where trails professionals, advocates, land managers, and others will gather. ATA needs help manning a booth at the Symposium. Partial registration fees will be paid and reduced lodging rates will be available. Contact ATA (602-252-4794) if you are interested in this unique opportunity.

New trailhead at the Utah border

The Arizona Trail's northernmost point will be the new trailhead at the Utah border. The Bureau of Land Management and ATA volunteers are working hard to complete this section of the trail and the trailhead by National Public Lands Day September 23, 2000. This new trailhead is expected to be one of the most outstanding trailheads along the Arizona Trail, not only for the scenic beauty (located across from the Coyote Buttes-Paria Canyon Wilderness Area) but also for the state-of-the-art campground, ramadas, and interpretive information. Check the ATA Work Events Calendar (in the ATA website and newsletter) for work events on the Buckskin Passage and at the new trailhead. Volunteers will be needed to help complete the Arizona Trail to the Utah border.

Arizona Trail volunteers at the Phoenix Zoo.

January 8 and 16 ATA volunteers assisted the Phoenix Zoo with new trail and exhibit construction at the zoo. ATA volunteers helped with landscaping, exhibit, and trail construction in the vicinity of the oryx and bighorn sheep exhibits near the zoo's Arizona Trail. These volunteers exemplified the Arizona Trail's spirit of partnership.

Work Events - Spring 2000

April 8-9. Boulder Creek Trail maintenance. Northeast of Phoenix, near Sunflower, off Highway 87. Call Carl Golnik (602-949-1527) or Denny & Marie Haywood (602-581-9219).

April 15. New trail construction in Pinal County between Oracle and Gila River near Freeman Road. Contact Jim Martin at 520-723-4386 for exact details regarding location and time.

April 15. Black Hills Passage of Pinal County. New trail construction north of Oracle. Contact CJ Vincent for details (wayout@azstarnet.com or 520-907-TREK).

April 15. Alamo Canyon trail maintenance. Meet at Picketpost Trailhead at 9:00 am (1 mile west of Boyce Thompson Arboretum, at mile marker 221.5, south of Hwy 60). This is a 1-day event, however there is good camping at the trailhead. Call Tom Coulson for details (day: 480-303-4975 or eve: 480-832-7267).

April 20. National Trails Day 2000 organizational meeting in Flagstaff. Thursday evening, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Coconino County Board Room, 219 East Cherry. Join us in the planning of National Trails Day on June 3rd. Many activities are planned for the city of Flagstaff and on the Arizona Trail. Contact Cynthia Lovely at 774-1955 or clovely@aztrail.org.

April 29-30. Boulder Creek Trail maintenance. Northeast of Phoenix, near Sunflower, off Highway 87. Call Carl Golnik (602-949-1527) or Denny & Marie Haywood (602-581-9219).

May 9. Canelo Hills East trail maintenance. Southeast of Patagonia and Sonoita, and east of Sierra Vista. Contact Steve Saway for details (520-459-8959 or SteveSaway@excite.com).

May 6-7. New trail construction in Pinal County between Oracle and Gila River near Freeman Road. Contact Jim Martin at 520-723-4386 for exact details regarding location and time.

May 20-21. Huachuca Mountains. Trail Construction and Maintenance Training Workshop. Advance registration required. Contact Larry Snead (602-222-9666 or larrysnead@juno.com).

June 2-4. Mazatzal Wilderness trail maintenance. Backpack seven miles round trip, with a day-hike to worksite six miles round trip. Friday afternoon drive/hike to campsite, trail work Saturday, Sunday hike/drive home. Elevations: 3900'-7000'. Call Tony Viviano for details (602-773-0989).

June 3 - National Trails Day. Community events in Flagstaff, Pine, Superior, Oracle, Tucson, and Patagonia. Also, hike or ride the Arizona Trail on or before National Trails Day and receive a bandanna and water bottle in return for a trail condition report. Contact Terry Sario to register for a hike or ride (tsario@juno.com or 602-246-4508). Check the ATA website for details on all Arizona Trail - National Trails Day activities (www.aztrail.org).

June 10-11. Flagstaff Area. Trail Construction and Maintenance Training Workshop. Advance registration required. Contact Larry Snead (602-222-9666 or larrysnead@juno.com).

2000 Awards for Outstanding Support

The Arizona Trail Association extends its appreciation to the following agencies, individuals, associations, and organizations who are being recognized for Outstanding Service to the Association. The ATA would also like to express its gratitude to the hundreds of individuals, too numerous to name here, who have offered their help on Arizona Trail. We could not have moved forward with such success in 1999 without you. If we have forgotten anyone it was not our intention and we sincerely apologize.

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First ATA Trail Workshop a Success

The Arizona Trail Association held its first in the series of many trail design, construction, and maintenance workshops on March 4th & 5th west of Superior. The 34 participants enjoyed Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum (BTA) as the base of operations for the event. Classroom sessions were held at BTA, and design, construction, and maintenance sessions were conducted along the Arizona Trail north of Highway 60 in the Whitford Canyon area. As a result, a new section of the AZT was constructed, and an existing section of AZT received maintenance. Instructors Paul Paonessa (City of Phoenix), Kevin Lockart (Mountain Bike Association of Arizona), Cynthia Peck (Tonto National Forest), and Eric Smith (ATA and City of Prescott) rotated groups from one work station to

another. On Saturday evening, participants enjoyed a Mexican buffet and campfire program.

On Sunday, following more classroom instruction, participants hiked and evaluated (in spite of the rain) a technically-challenging canyon trail that parallels Queen Creek within BTA. Thanks to the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program for providing funding for the workshop, and to Arizona State Parks/University of Arizona for being a great host. A big thanks to Larry Snead and Richard Corbett for their excellent planning and coordination for the event. Additional workshops will be held in 2000 and 2001.

- Eric Smith

Leave No Trace – Plan Ahead and Prepare

by John Neeling, Kaibab National Forest

Many caring and well-meaning visitors to our public lands may not realize the effect they can have upon fragile environments. Damage, or impacts, to the natural outdoor environment can result from hiking, bicycling, or packstock use. Careful planning and preparation for your outing can make all the difference.

“Plan Ahead and Prepare” is the most important of the principles of Leave No Trace. All other principles tie directly to the concepts listed here. While impacts and damage to our public lands is an important and significant issue, visitor safety is always of the utmost importance. Careful planning and preparation for your visit will go a long way toward insuring such tradeoffs are not necessary and will make your outing safer and more fun!

Here are some tips to make your trip safe, enjoyable and low-impact.

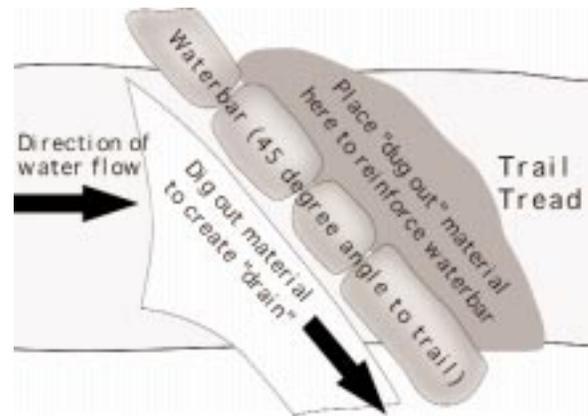


- Learn about the area you plan to visit in advance. Check with the land manager (such as the Forest Service or BLM) before your trip. They can tell you about any special regulations, and what conditions to expect (trail and road conditions, water availability, etc.).
- Check the weather forecast and choose your clothing and equipment accordingly.
- Select and use quality outdoor equipment to keep yourself comfortable and safe. Carry maps and trail information, plenty of water, as well as signaling devices, such as a mirror and whistle.
- Match participants' skill levels with the type of outdoor experience you are seeking. Don't exceed anyone's abilities.
- Visit backcountry areas in small groups to help preserve the solitude and reduce cumulative effects.

Trail Talk... what's a waterbar?

Many trail users have no idea why those logs or rocks are placed across the trail causing them to step over or hop their bikes over these obstacles. A waterbar is a common erosion control structure. The idea is to divert water off the trail instead of allowing the trail to act as a river when it rains (which would lead to a rutted-out gully). Waterbars may be constructed of large rocks, logs, or even recycled rubber conveyer belts.

Waterbars are not the first choice in erosion control. As many ATA volunteers can attest, they require regular maintenance. Similar to the Glen Canyon Dam (on a much smaller scale), sediment builds up behind the waterbar until eventually water flows over the top rendering it useless. The alternative to waterbars are a properly designed trail with sufficient outslloping and grade dips.



Arizona Trail Video Becomes Available

For those Arizona Trail fans who have been anxiously awaiting the delivery of copies our stunning 18-minute Arizona Trail video, your wishes have been granted!

The Bureau of Land Management National Training Center has just received the duplicated copies of the video that have been produced for loan at public libraries around the state. The National Training Center, one of our ATA Arizona Trail Partners, has produced the video in their professional television and video production studios for the Arizona Trail Association at no financial expense to our organization.

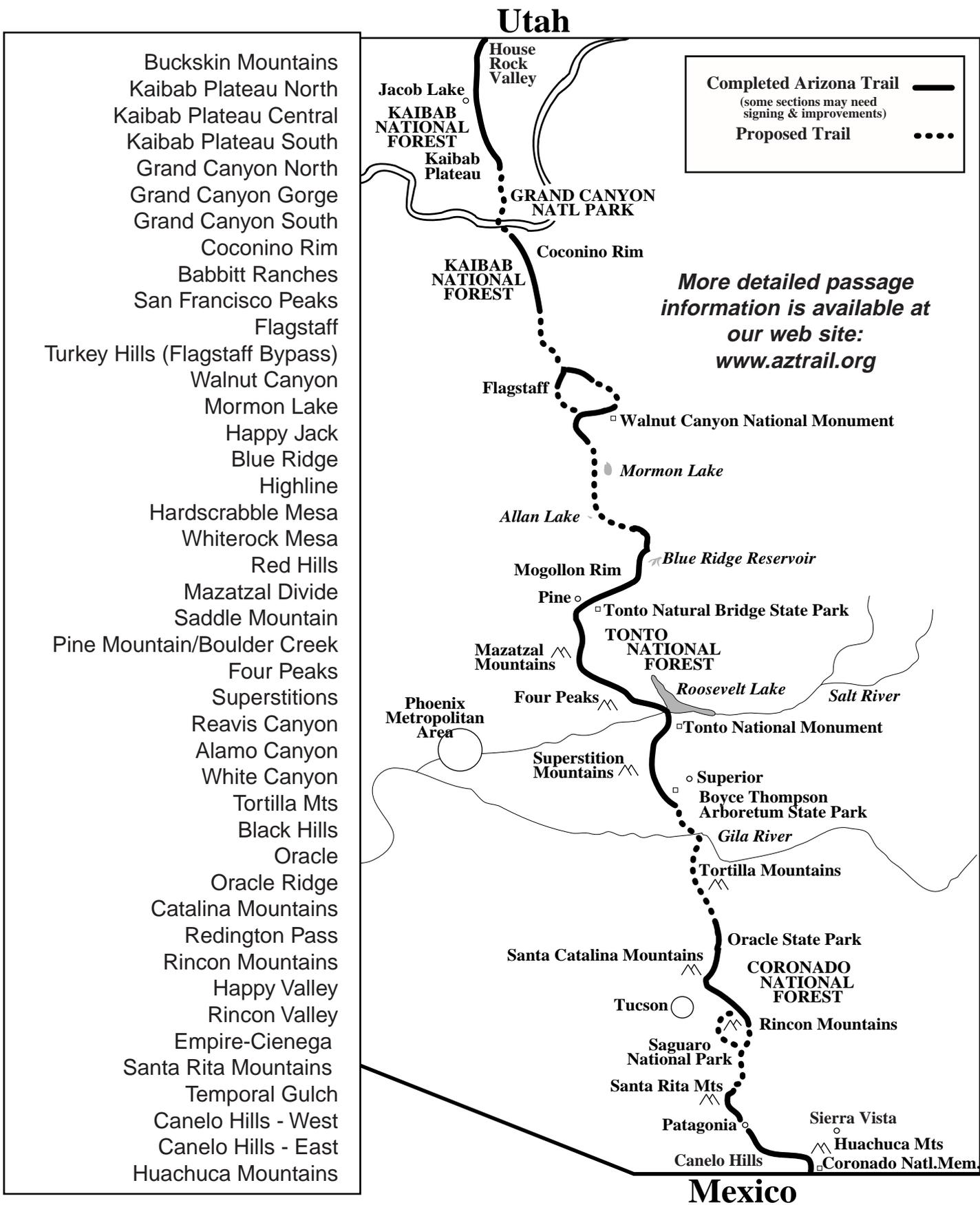
In addition, the award-winning photography of Jerry Sieve and the video narrative performed by one of Arizona's favorite television personalities, Bob Davies, were also donated to the Arizona Trail Association by these talented artists.

Copies of the videos should become available by the end of April, 2000, in many of the state's public libraries. A list of the library locations will be posted on the Arizona Trail Association's website as soon as they become available to check out, and you may call the Arizona Public Land Information Center, 602-417-9300, for a list of library locations near you after May 1, 2000.

The videos may be checked out by schools, community and youth organizations, travel and tourism groups, and organizations, families, or individuals interested in Arizona's history, geography, natural landscapes, wildlife, geology, plant life, and wilderness areas. The video takes the viewer on a "virtual trip" with spectacular photography and descriptions of the highlights along the Arizona Trail route from the border of Mexico to the border of Utah.

Arizona Trail Passages

Hike a passage on National Trails Day



Arizona Trail Merchandise



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Become an Arizona Trail Member

The Arizona Trail needs *your* active support. Help build this resource for today and a legacy for future generations. Join *The Arizona Trail Association* and become a volunteer!

Would you like to volunteer in any of the following ways?
(check all that apply)

- Help build and maintain The Arizona Trail
- Become a Segment Steward
- Assist in Phoenix office
- Distribute Trail and event information in your area
- Donate materials or professional services
Specify: _____
- Help raise funds for The Arizona Trail
- Recruit additional volunteers
- Membership services and development
- Other: _____

What are your primary non-motorized trail activities?
(check all that apply)

- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Mountain Biking
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Other: _____

Types of Membership (please check one)

- Individual Family \$25/year
- Student Senior \$15/year
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- Organizations with budgets *greater* than \$25,000 \$100/year
- Trailblazer Member \$100/year
- Trail Patron \$500
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manager Carl Golnik; and 5-year Outstanding Service Awards went to Board of Directors members, Treasurer Bob Schuetz, and Segment Steward Dean Prichard.

Many land managing agencies, Trail Partners, groups, individuals, corporate sponsors, and ATA Advisory Board members were also honored for their support of the Arizona Trail during the Annual Meeting. A list of these special honorees is included in this newsletter.

It takes many people working together to launch and sustain a project as large in scope as the Arizona Trail. If you have the



Executive Director Larry Snead and Regional Segment Steward Jim Martin present Merle Parmer and Chuck Horner with and award for outstanding trail stewardship.

opportunity, please extend a handshake of thanks to any of these land management agency partners, individuals, companies, or organizations for their special efforts in behalf of the Arizona Trail. We are deeply indebted to all of those honored and those who also attended our organization's Recognition Luncheon.



Phyllis Ralley receives a special award presented by Dale Shewalter for outstanding work as ATA Newsletter Editor and Graphic Artist.

ATA welcomes articles and photos from trail users and volunteers. Please mail to ATA or e-mail: editor@aztrail.org



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