



# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING



August 11, 2017

Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department  
3500 West River Road, Tucson, Arizona

Quorum having been established, Chair Lundin called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. on August 11, 2017.

Commissioners present were Michael Lundin (Chair), Jan Johnson (Vice Chair), Damion Alexander, Kimberly Marohn, Karen Cesare, Enrique Serna and Richard Barker. Anita Kellman, Peter Chesson and Victor Rivera were absent.

Staff present were Robert Padilla, Steve Anderson, Joe Barr, Grant Bourguet, Martina Gonzales, Len Alteri, Robin Hadden and Ann Khambholja.

Those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

## Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 14, 2017 minutes. The motion passed.

## COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION REQUEST

1. Informational update of the Planning Division (Steve Anderson): Mr. Anderson provided the commission with a PowerPoint presentation of what the Planning Division accomplished in fiscal year 2016/17, and what they hope to accomplish in the current year. Regarding a delay on one project, Commissioner Alexander asked what the commission could do to help and was informed that the delay was mainly caused by staffing issues by the State Land Department.
2. Informational update for the Recreation Division (Joe Barr/Grant Bourguet): Mr. Barr and Mr. Bourguet introduced the commission to a game called "Kahoot!" This was a great success with the commissioners and provided much hilarity. He informed them that this is one of the ways the lifeguards and recreation staff are trained. This gives instant feedback on what may need to be elaborated on. The questions were interspersed with anecdotes on the topic questions. Mr. Barr told them of an incident where an ill person was rescued from the pool and informed the commission that they were thinking of consulting with the attorneys office to ask whether it would be permissible to add a sign that would request people with illnesses or disabilities to inform the lifeguards first. Commissioner Serna asked whether this would violate the

HIPAA law and Mr. Barr explained that NRPR would first consult with the attorney before taking any action. There were no more questions.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S):

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the commission, duly motioned and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



PLANNING DIVISION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FY 2016-17

## **DIVISION MANDATE**

The Planning Division shall prepare and execute plans for parks, open space preserves, river parks, trails, and green spaces, both rural and urban; review rezoning requests, specific plans, subdivision plats, development plans, and abandonment proposals to secure trails and park space; secure access to public lands; identify, analyze and assist with the acquisition of park land, open space, and trail corridors; manage and administer the In-Lieu park fees program, and plan, design and construct recreational trails consistent with the Pima Regional Trail System Master Plan.





## **THE DIVISION IN BRIEF**

2.5 people (2 full time, 1 part time).

\$145,850 budget (+\$15,000 In-Lieu fees for Mark)

A SWECO 480 Trail Tractor (1998 edition).

A tool trailer filled with hand tools.

A legion of volunteers.

## **DIVISION FOCUS**

Secure trail corridors, park land, and open space through the development review process.

Implement and periodically update the Pima Regional Trail System Master Plan.

Resolve access challenges to the public lands that surround Tucson.

Design public facilities on newly acquired (or older) open space properties, and develop trails on them.

Prepare management plans for new open space properties as they are acquired.

# WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN FY 2016-17:

## HEAT CARDS



### What to know:

- Heat-related illness, or "overheating," is common in hot weather and can be fatal.
- Early symptoms may include muscle cramping, headaches, weakness, and nausea.
- Out of state and international visitors should especially take extra precautions in the heat.

### What to do:

**Keep Hydrated**  
 It's an arid desert! So, please drink more water than you usually do. Carry water with you wherever you go, and drink water or sports drinks often. Drink 1 to 2 liters of water per hour during your hike.

**Hike Early**  
 Plan hiking and outdoor activities for the early morning, when outside temperatures are coolest. You can enjoy a beautiful sunrise, and the many species of birds and other wildlife are most active around dawn. Arrive back to the trail head before 10 a.m.

**Protect Your Skin**  
 Use sunscreen (30 SPF or higher) to protect yourself from the sun and reapply frequently. To protect from the sun and insects, wear long sleeves, pants, and a wide-brimmed hat.

**Plan Ahead for Your Trek**

- Return to the trailhead while it is cool and you have used half of your water supply.
- Hiking alone is not recommended. Always tell someone your plans.
- Be sure your cell phone is fully charged before hiking.
- Call 911 for help in an emergency.
- Again, heat illness is common in hot weather and can be fatal. Hike during cooler times and return while you are feeling well and able.

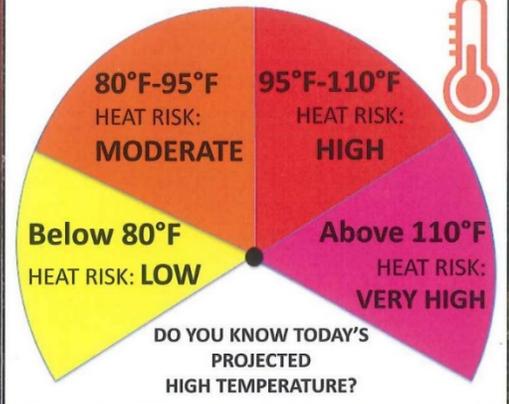


# Heat Safety Summer Activity Guide

Desert Heat Kills! Be Prepared!

Here is some information to help you stay safe and cool while you enjoy the beautiful Sonoran Desert

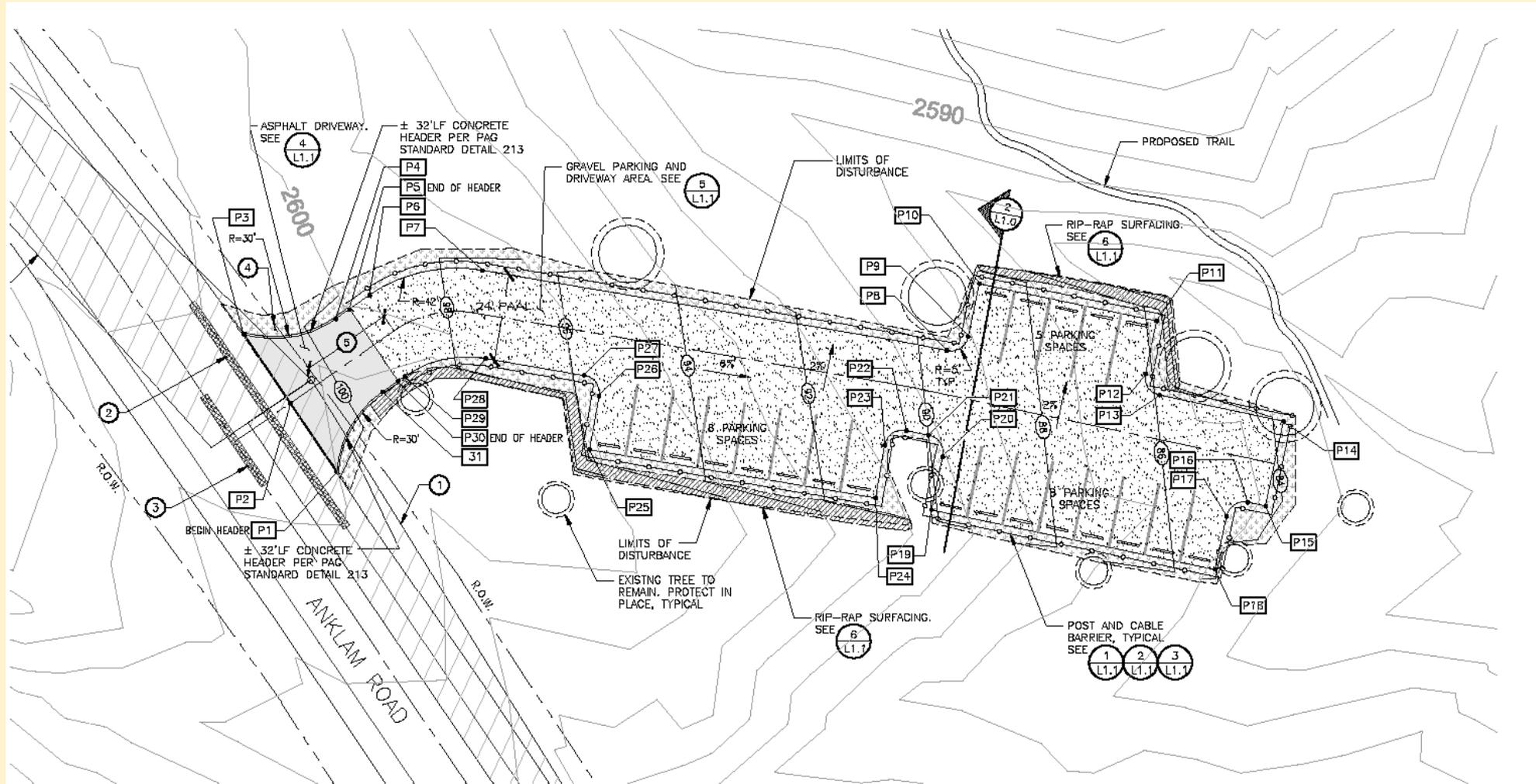
### Know Today's Outdoor Activity Risk



To see the forecast for any location, scan this QR code or visit: <https://go.usa.gov/xNcvE>

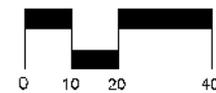


# PAINTED HILLS TRAILHEAD PUBLIC MEETING



**PARKING AREA PLAN**

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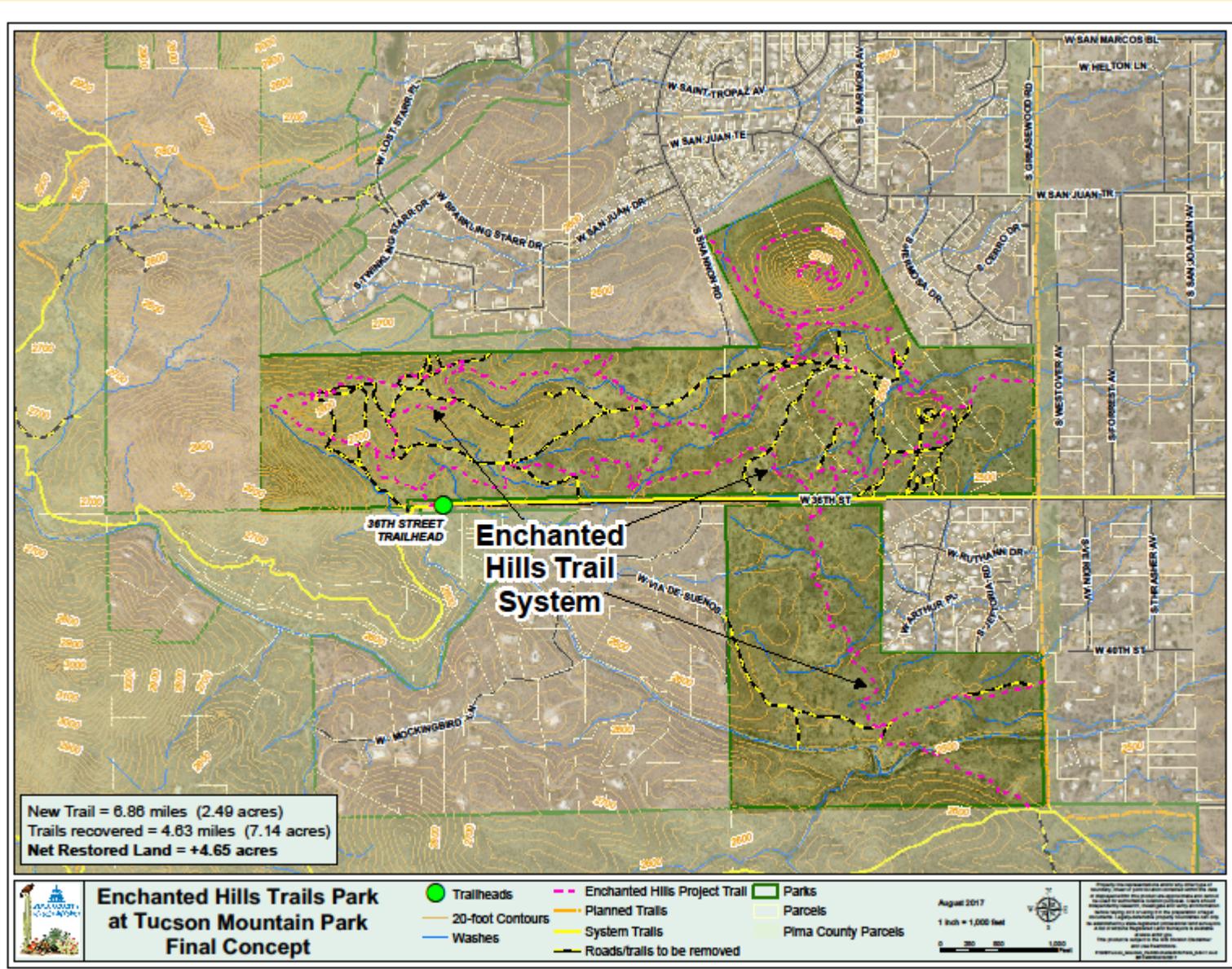
# **PAINTED HILLS TRAILHEAD TRAILHEAD CONSTRUCTION**



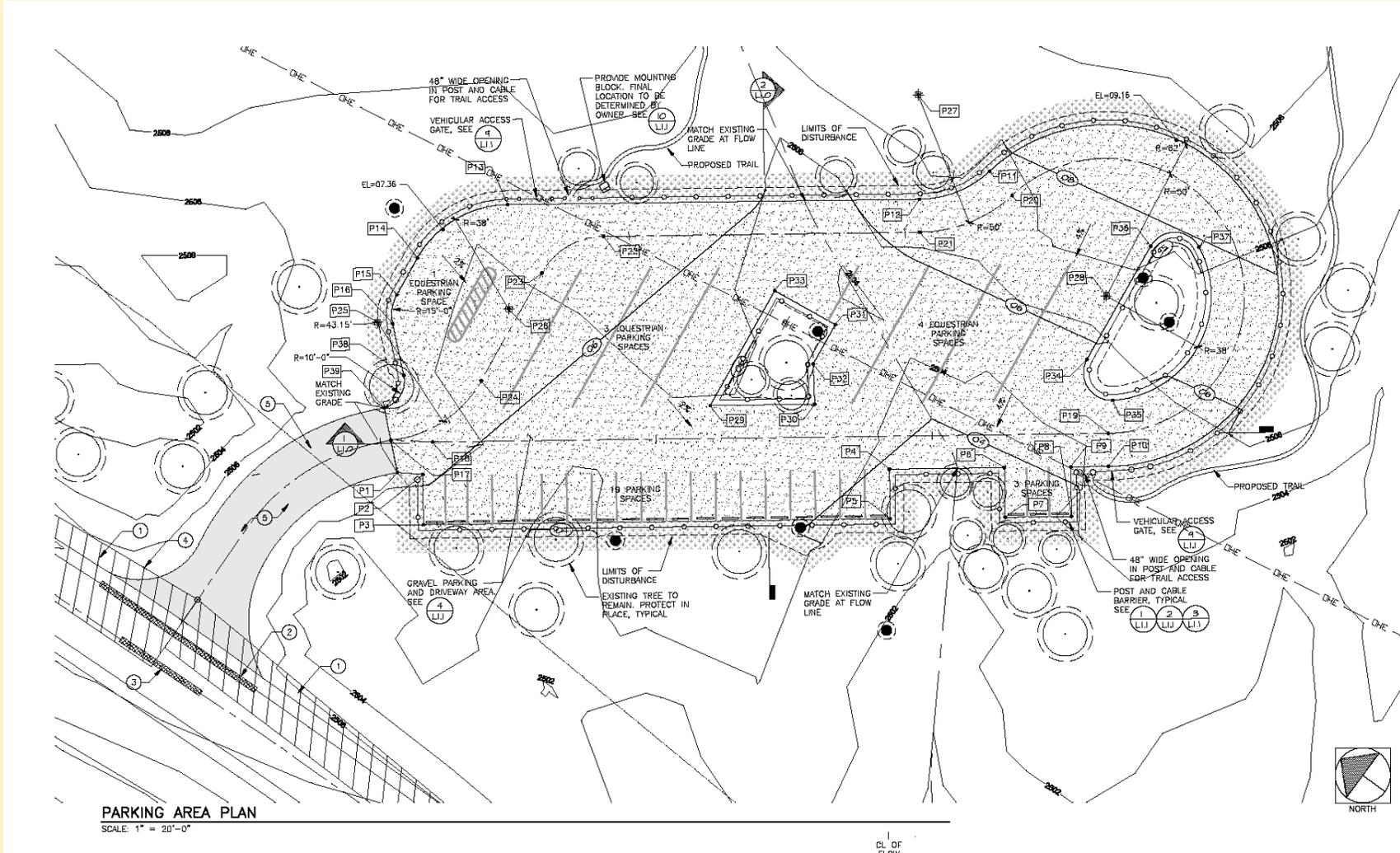
# **PAINTED HILLS TRAIL SYSTEM MEETING**



# ENCHANTED HILLS TRAILS SYSTEM MEETING

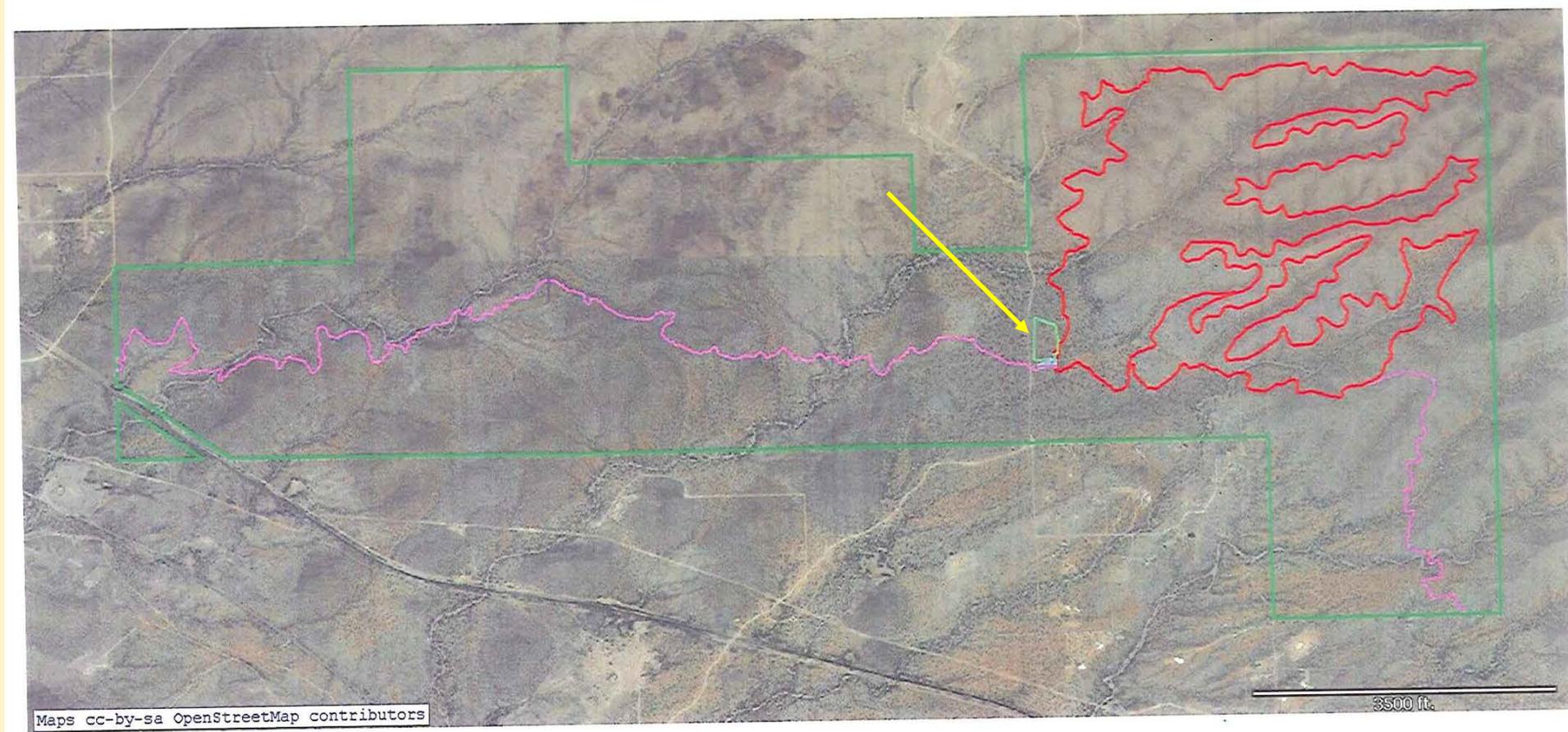


# ROBLES PASS TRAILHEAD

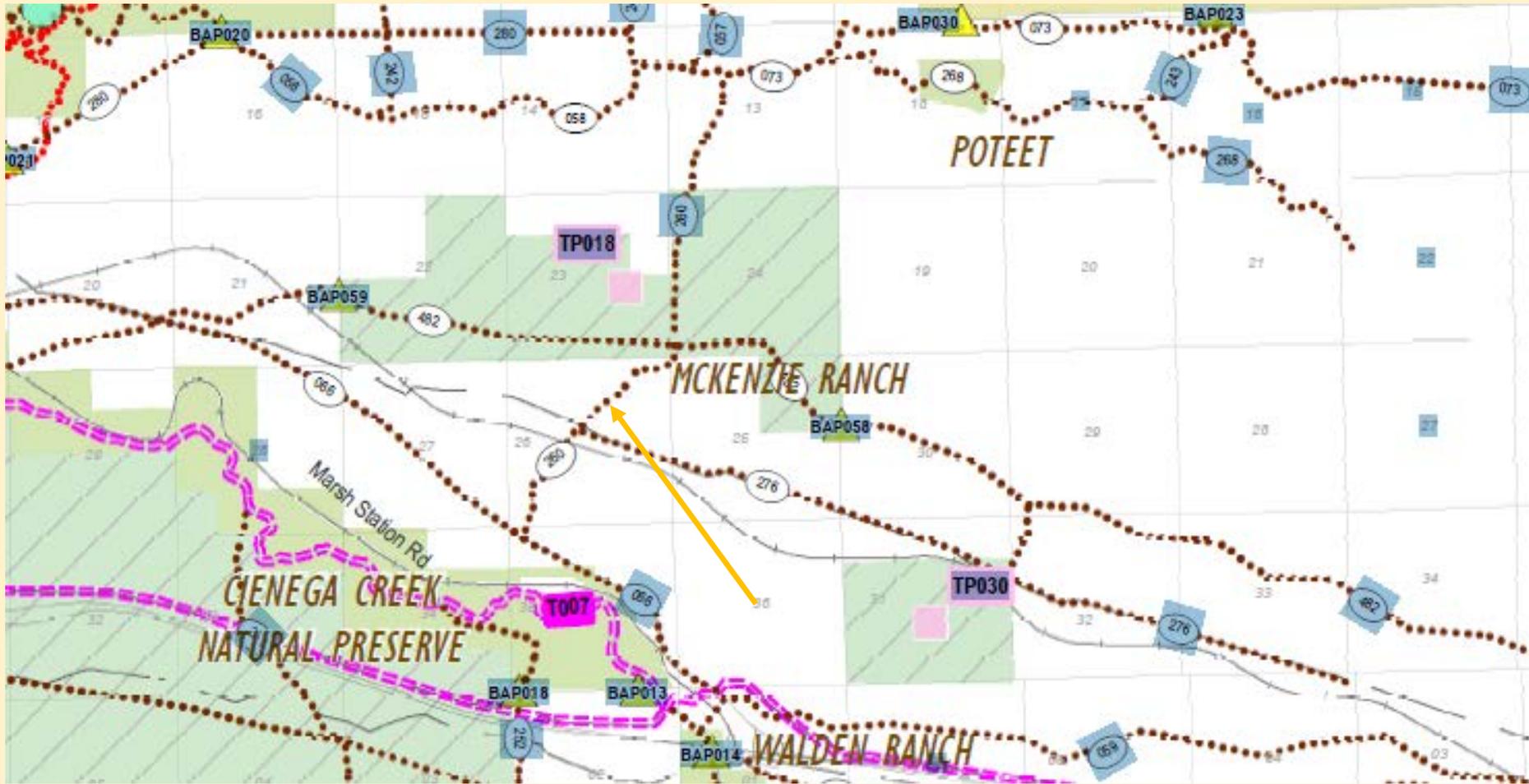




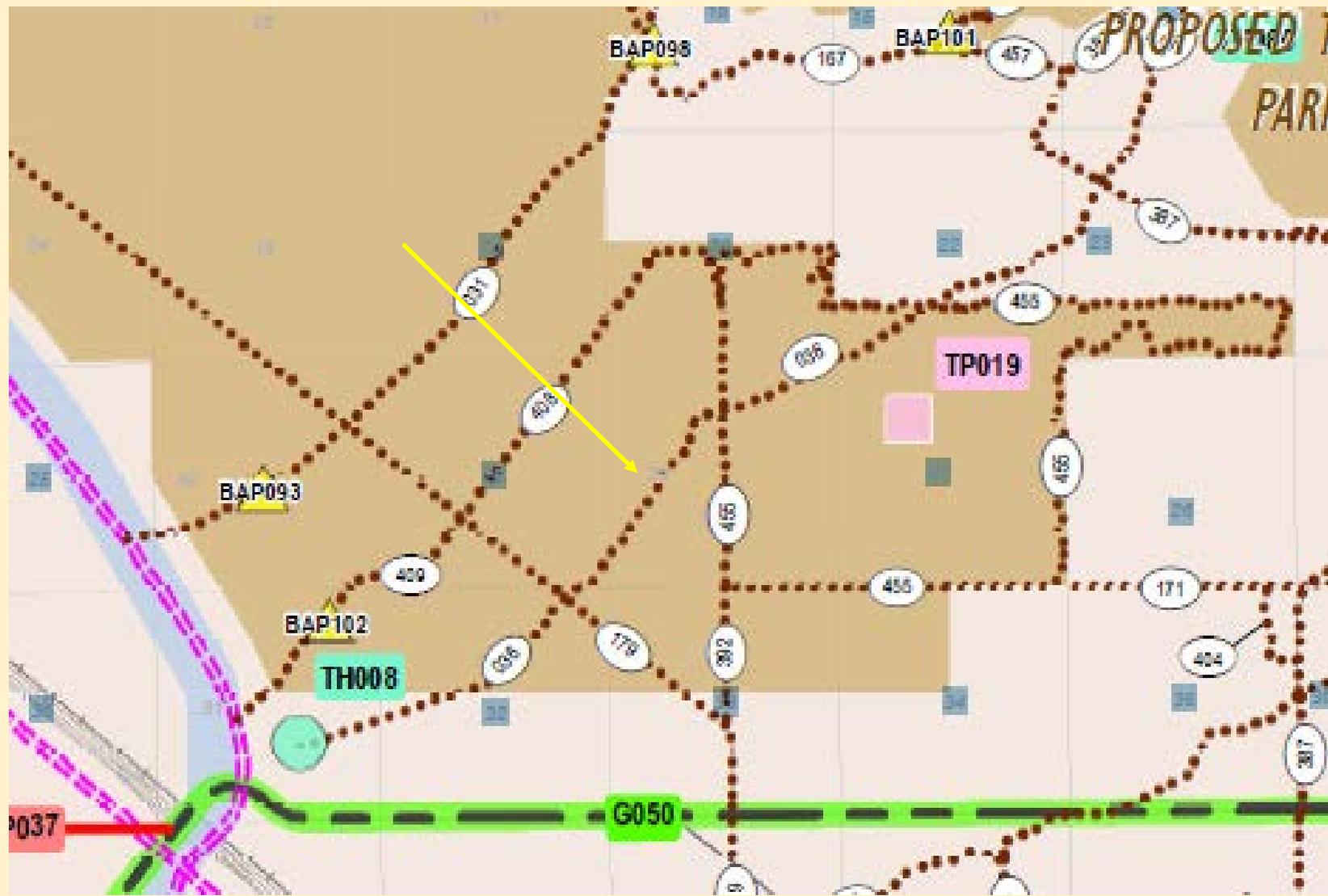
# MCKENZIE RANCH TRAILHEAD



# RED HILL RANCH ROAD EASEMENT



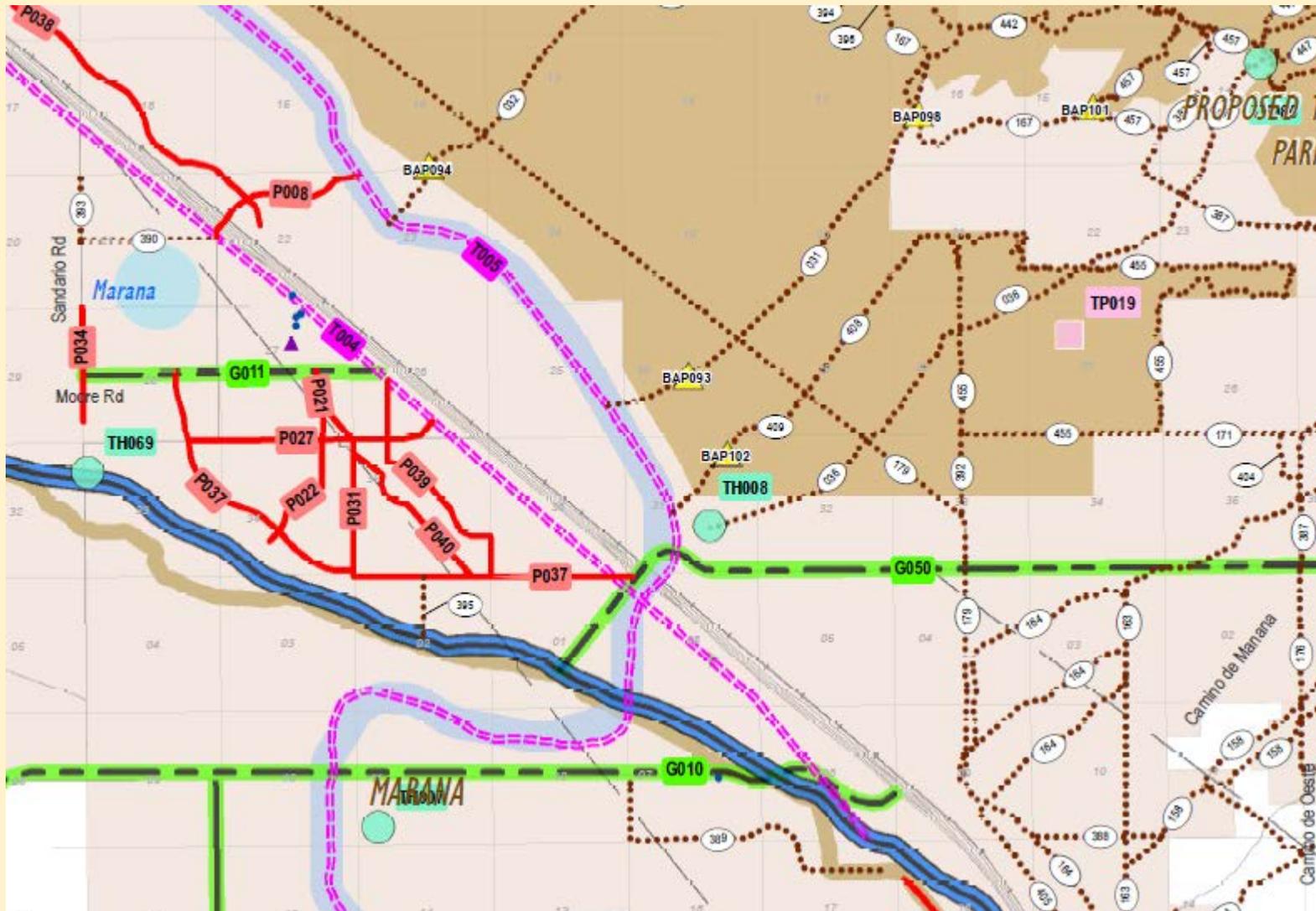
# WILD BURRO WASH



# CAP TRAIL FROM THE COUNTY LINE TO TANGERINE ROAD, PLUS THE TANGERINE TRAILHEAD



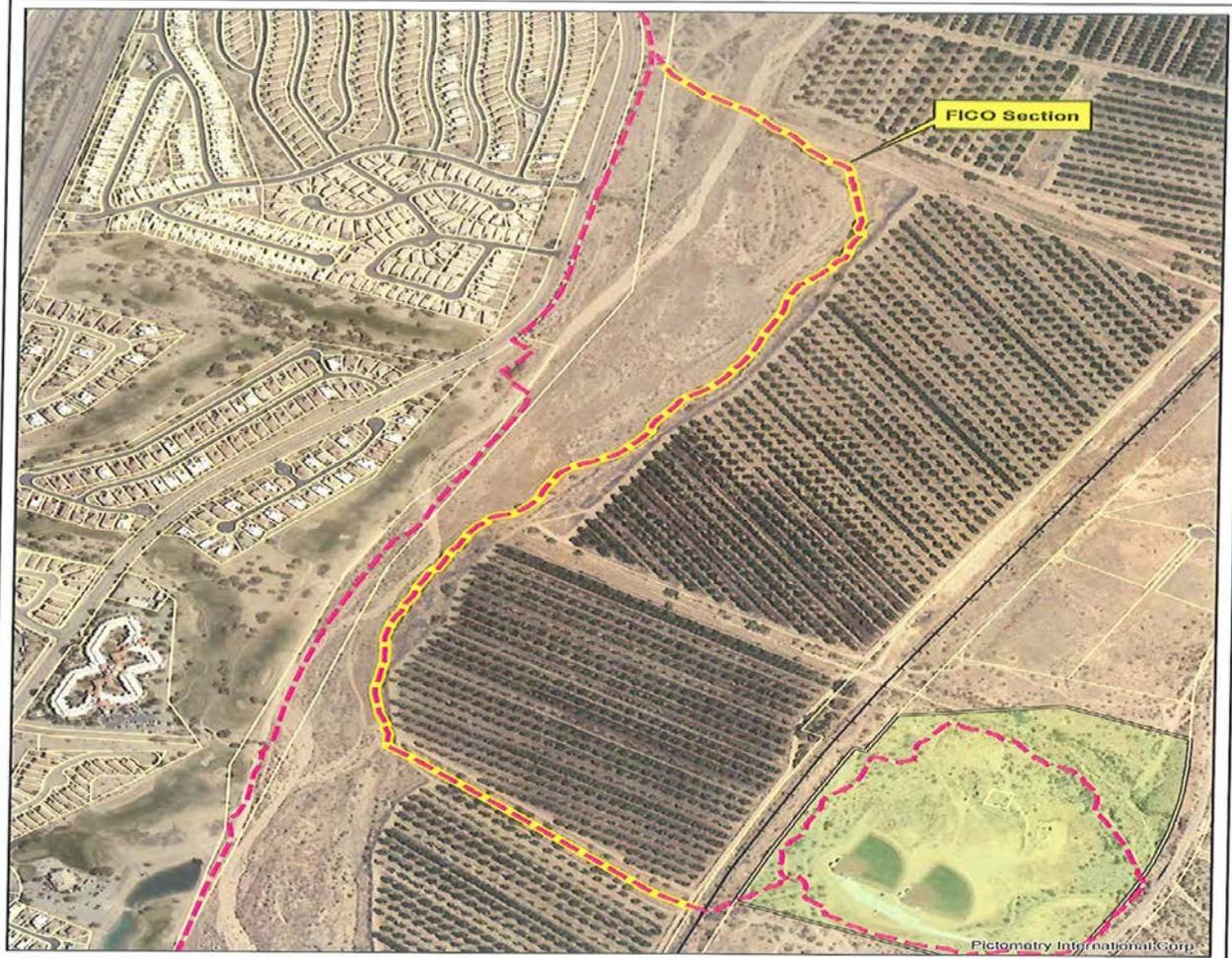
# CAP TRAIL SITING STUDY



# UPDATE OF THE CAMINO DE OESTE TRAILHEAD



# FREEPORT MCMORAN GRANT



**ADAMSON-CATINO TRAIL**



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**CHUCK CATINO MEMORIAL**  
**AWARD TO BILL ADAMSON**

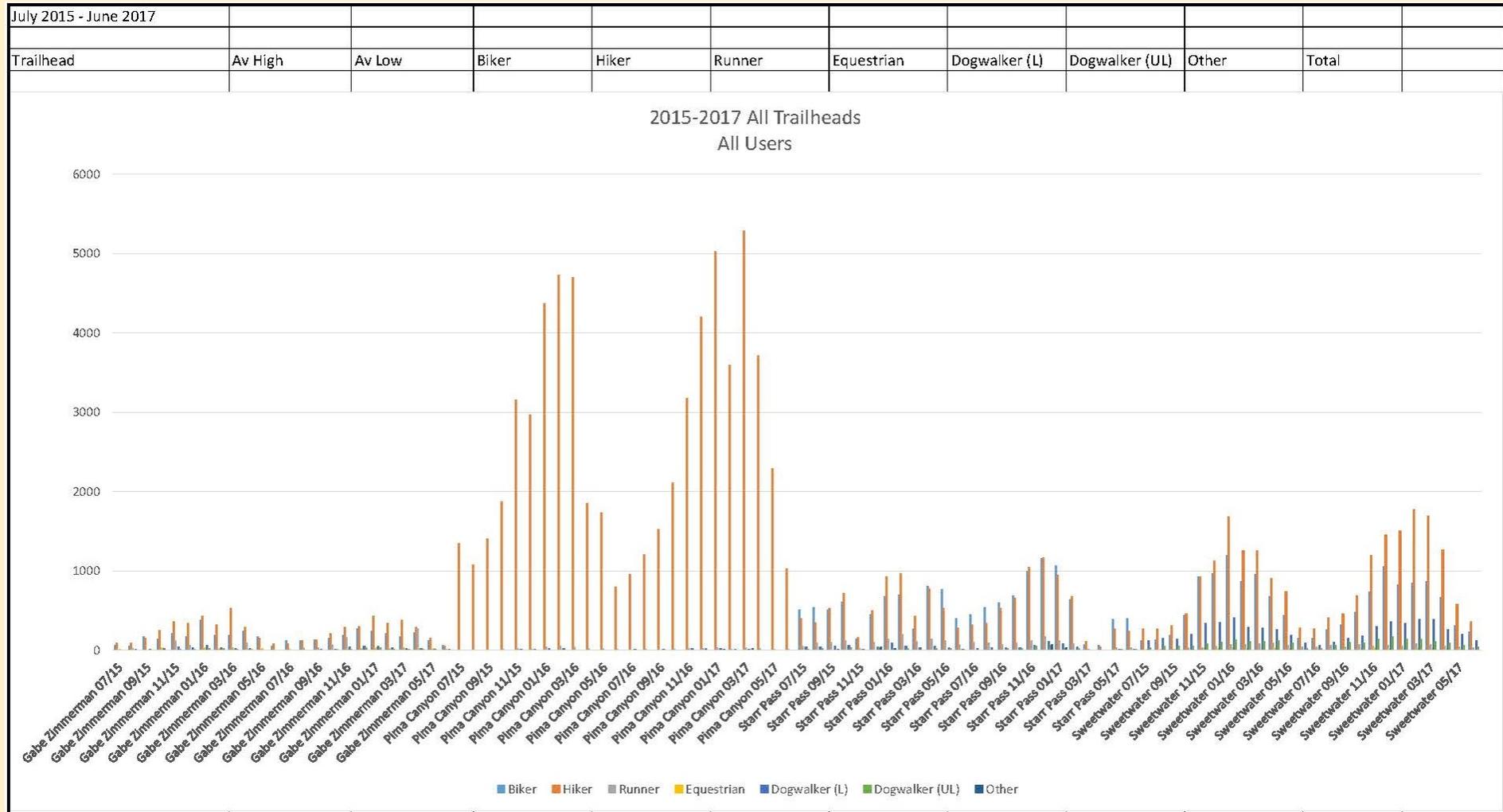


# SUMMARY OF TRAILHEAD USAGE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2015 – JUNE 2017:

Approximately  
160,000 users:

- Hikers: 107,200
- Bikers: 34,600
- Runners: 6,000
- Equestrians: 900
- Dogwalkers: 11,000
- Other: 300

\*Note: The camera at Starr Pass was vandalized for about 174 days during this period



# AND SOME OF OUR TRAIL USERS.....





- Marks's article on trails in the Star;
- the boulders and signs at Gabe Z.;
- Mark's three day SWECO training;
- UPRR approval for the crossing on Red Hill Ranch Road at the McKenzie Ranch Trails Park;
- Starr Pass Resort Loop Signs put in at TMP, and more!

# GREG'S PLANNING FOCUS:

**Development Services.** Greg reviewed and commented on the Development Services documents that came before our department, including comprehensive plan amendments; rezoning cases; tentative and final plats; development plans; release of assurances, and release of easements and abandonments, and attended committees that were involved with Development Services issues: the Land and Permit Management Committee; the Subdivision Review Committee; the Advisory Council; and various county project meetings.

**Pima Prospers.** Greg sat on Pima Prospers committee, the 2015 comprehensive plan update, set goals and policies for Pima County to guide the strategic delivery of services, spending, and growth. A top priority project for Pima Prospers is updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is underway with inventorying and locating the recreation infrastructure at the urban parks using GIS.

**Accela.** Pima County is now using an online permitting system called Accela to submit projects and obtain approvals for clients. Accela is used to track projects, issue permits and release assurances to name a few of the functions. Clients enjoy the ease of submitting projects and the five day turn around time, which saves time and money.

**Residential Recreation Areas.** Greg discusses options for developers/builders to consider when developing recreation areas for residents or electing the in-lieu fee option. He manages both collecting and auditing the funds for the department.





# FUTURE PROJECTS:

This FY, we've got lots of building going on:

- the Painted Hills property;
- the Enchanted Hills Trails Park;
- McKenzie Ranch Trails Park competitive course,
- the Big Wash Trail;
- the CAP Trail construction from the County line down to Tangerine Road;
- the Tangerine Trailhead;
- the CAP Trail Siting Study, among others!



THANK YOU!