

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreational Bill



Meeting Agenda

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| <i>7:00-7:10 pm</i> | Introductions and purpose of the meeting |
| <i>7:10-7:35 pm</i> | PowerPoint Presentation-OHV Legislative Proposal |
| <i>7:35-8:00 pm</i> | Audience Survey |
| <i>8:00-9:00 pm</i> | Questions and Comments |
| <i>9:00 pm</i> | Adjourn |

OHV Legislative Workgroup

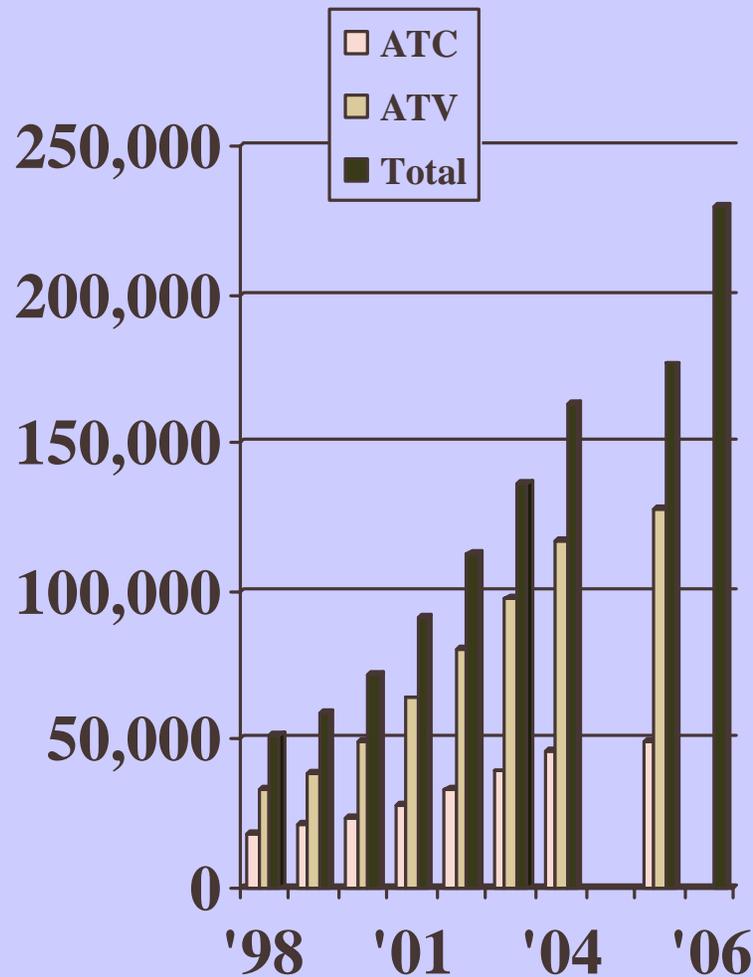
Collaborative Members

- Arizona OHV Coalition
- Arizona Rock Crawlers,
- Arizona Trailer Rider Association
- Apache County ATV Rough Riders
- Drew and the Crew Motor Sports
- Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Arizona Deer Association
- Arizona Elk Society
- Arizona Game and Fish Dept.
- Arizona State Land Dept.
- Arizona State Parks
- Arizona Dept. Of Motor Vehicles
- Yuma County Sheriff's Office
- Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
- Coconino County Sheriff's Office
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
- Mohave County Sheriff's Office
- Navajo County Sheriff's Office
- Pima County Sheriff's Dept
- Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Ofc.
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service



Purpose and Need

- December 1998, 51,453 ATVs & ATCs were either registered or titled in Arizona
- July 2006, more than 230,000 ATVs & ATCs were either titled or registered (street legal) in Arizona (Source: MVD)
- ATCs & ATVs have increased 347 percent since 1998
- Total Estimated Number (all types and categories) is 354,000

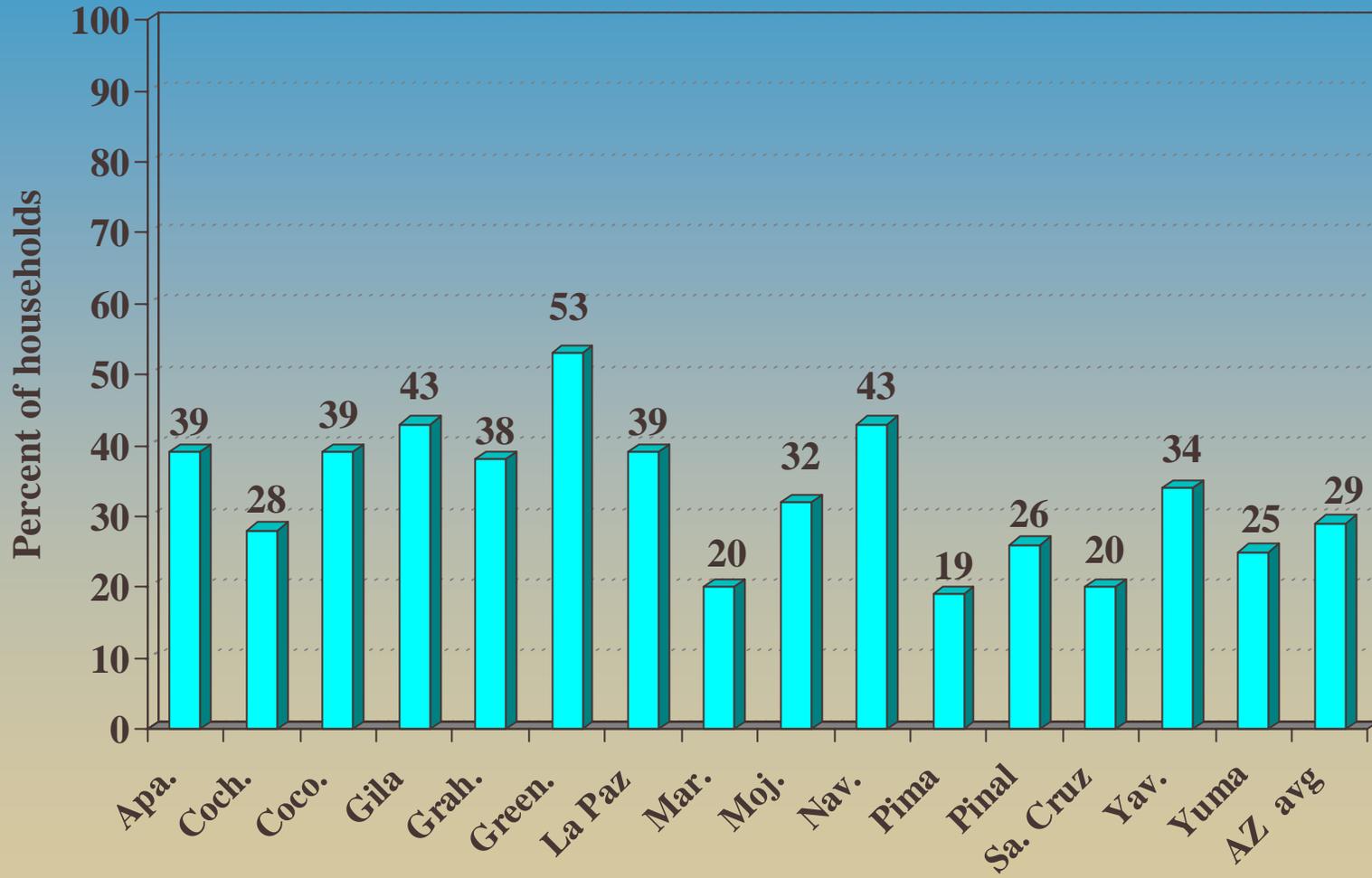


Az State Parks Off-Highway Use Study

Fall 2001 to Fall 2002

County	Population (2005 Census Est.)	Percent Driving OHVs for Recreation	Number of People Driving OHVs for recreation
Apache	69,343	39%	27,043
Cochise	126,106	28%	35,310
Coconino	123,866	39%	48,308
Gila	51,663	43%	22,215
Graham	33,073	38%	12,568
Greenlee	7,521	53%	3,986
La Paz	20,238	39%	7,893
Maricopa	3,635,528	20%	727,106
Mohave	187,200	32%	59,904
Navajo	108,432	43%	46,626
Pima	924,786	19%	175,709
Pinal	229,549	26%	59,683
Santa Cruz	42,009	20%	8,401
Yavapai	198,701	34%	67,558
Yuma	181,277	25%	45,319
STATE	5,939,292	29%	1,722,395

Percentage of OHV recreational households in 2002 by AZ county



Total: 1.9 million households

Perceived Threat to Health of National Forests

Unmanaged recreation, particularly OHV use, was recently identified by U.S. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth as one of four major threats facing our National Forests.



Travel Management Plan to be implemented in Sept. 2009

Bureau of Land Management is engaged in a similar process and timeline

The number of OHV users nationwide has increased sevenfold in the past 30 years from 5 million in 1972 to 36 million in 2000

Unmanaged OHV use in national forests can have serious impacts on land, among them: unplanned roads and trails, erosion, watershed and habitat degradation, and impacts to cultural resource sites.

Source: U.S. Forest Service <http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats>

Existing OHV Recreation Fund

0.55 of one percent of the total taxes on motor vehicle fuel per A.R.S. §28-5927

30 percent to Arizona Game and Fish Department

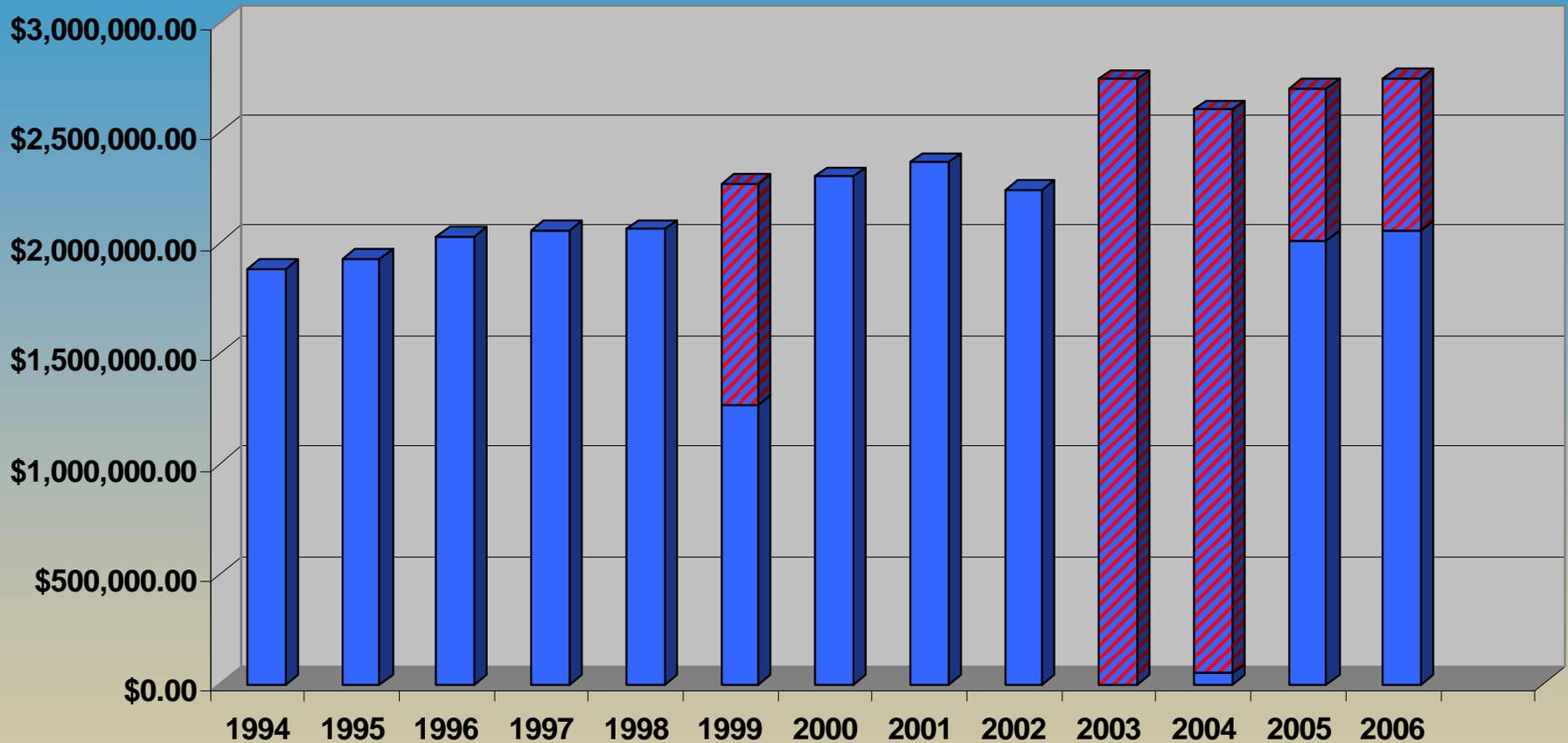
- ❖ OHV Information and education program
- ❖ OHV law enforcement

70 percent to Arizona State Parks

- ❖ Not more than 18 percent for staff and administration
- ❖ OHV Facility development program
- ❖ Grant program for law enforcement, information and environmental education, facility development, land acquisition and construction of facilities

Arizona's OHV Recreation Fund Revenue

Average percent increase from 1994-2006 was 3.6 percent per year



Note: A total of \$7 million has been swept from the OHV Recreation Fund since 1999. \$4 million was swept in 2003 including monies obligated from previous years

Amount Swept
Amount Appropriated

The OHV recreation fund has increased approximately 31 percent since 1998.

1998- \$2,060,000

2005- \$2,744,880

ATCs & ATVs have increased 347 percent since 1998*.

1998 – 51,453

2006 – 230,000

Arizona's population has increased 20 percent since 1998.

1998- 4.9 million

2005- 5.9 million



* Number of ATVs& ATCs registered or titled in Arizona

Economic Impacts of OHV use in AZ

- ❖ OHV recreation activity generated \$3 billion in retail sales

- ❖ OHV activity created a statewide economic impact of \$4.25 billion



- ❖ OHV activity created household income for AZ residents (wages and salaries) totaling \$1.1 billion

- ❖ Added \$187 million to annual AZ state tax revenues

- ❖ Inclusive of all off-highway activity

How Proposed Legislation Creates Opportunities and Solves Issues

- ❖ **Creates grants and agreements that promote statewide maintenance of OHV riding and management opportunities.**
- ❖ **Creation of high-use riding opportunities where appropriate.**
- ❖ **Increase information, education and outreach efforts to the public.**
- ❖ **Allows funding for environmental assessments and cultural resource clearances of OHV projects as well as OHV damage mitigation.**

How Proposed Legislation Creates Opportunities and Solves Issues

- ❖ **Clarifies laws and regulations which enhance enforceability and promote responsible OHV use and rider safety**
- ❖ **Strengthens regulatory statutes to enhance protection of fish, wildlife, cultural, personal property and natural resources.**
- ❖ **Provide additional resources for law enforcement efforts for counties and state.**

“Copper Sticker” Off-highway Vehicle User Fee Proposed Legislation

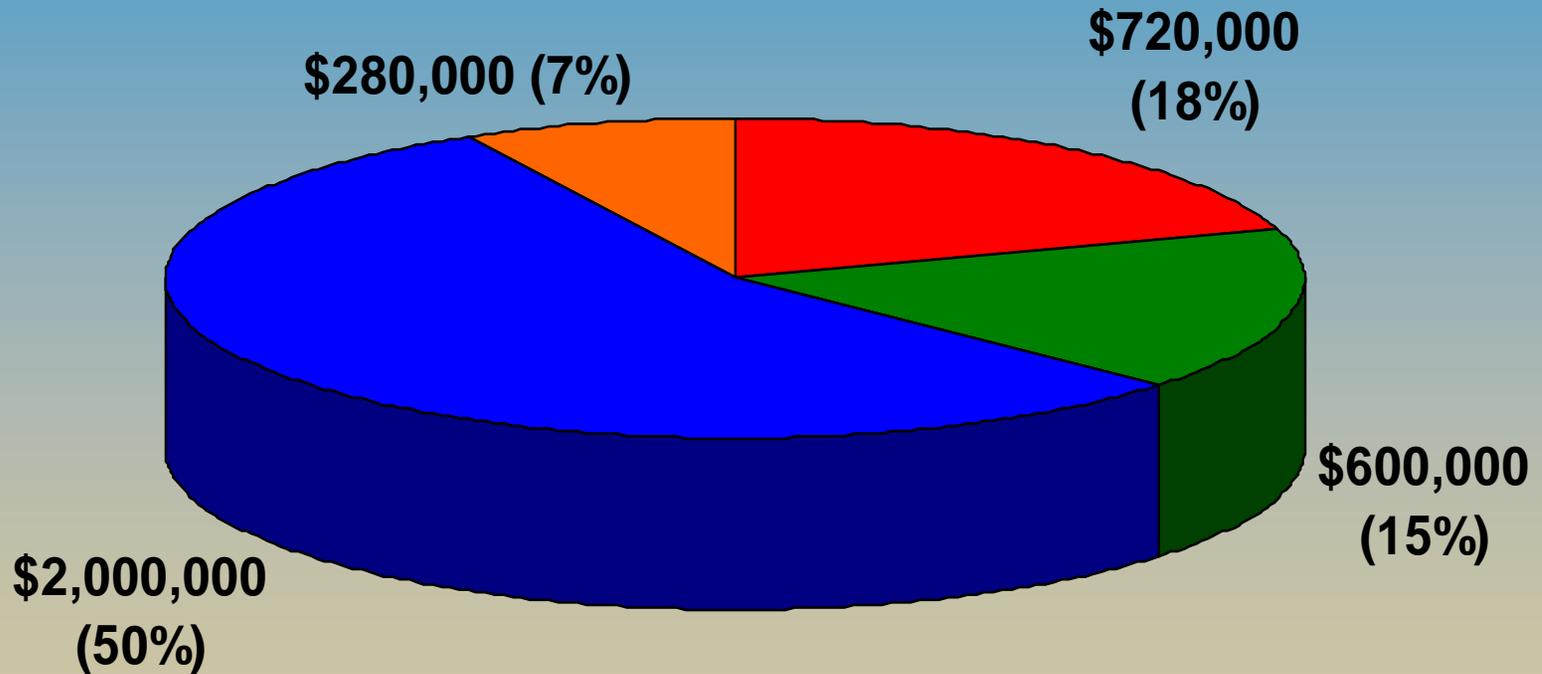
Members of the Off-Highway Vehicle Legislative Work Group worked cooperatively to develop draft legislation for introduction in the 2007 legislative session.

Current motor fuel tax revenues are dedicated to specific OHV activities per A.R.S. §28-5927 and are insufficient to support OHV management activities. The proposed legislation would include development of a “Copper Sticker” user fee.

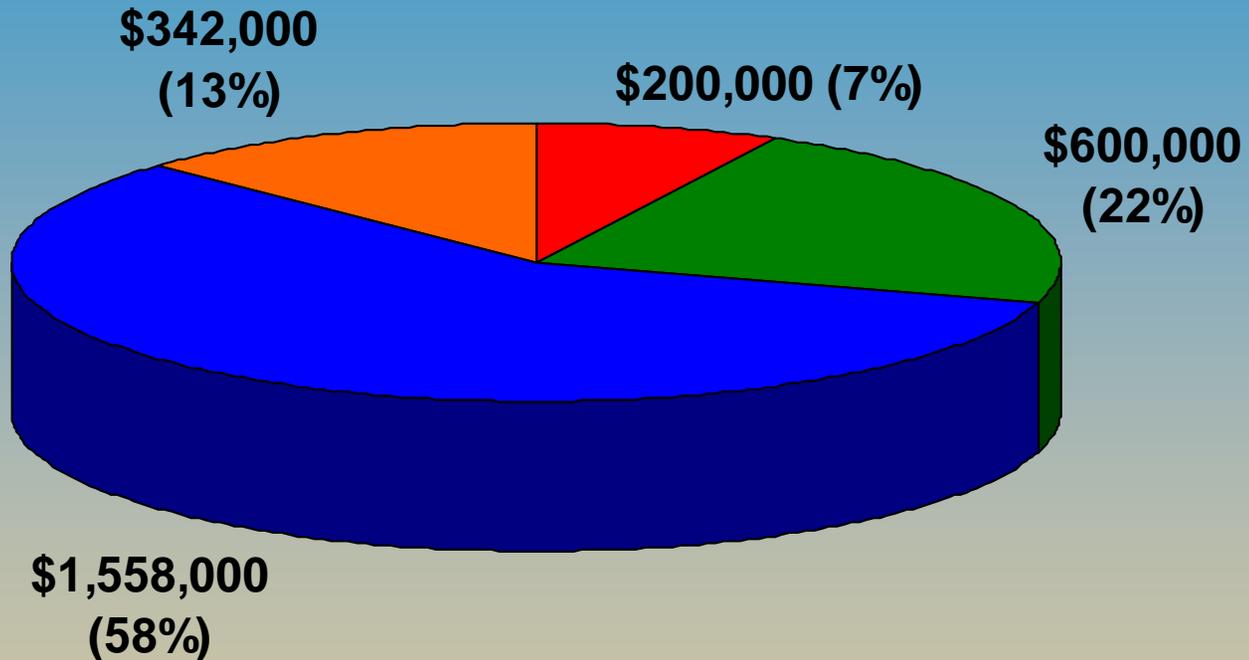
The proposed Copper Sticker user fee is anticipated to generate approximately \$4 million annually and will supplement OHV management programs statewide by funding the following:

Dollars	%	Program Description
A. Grants and or Agreements		
\$2,000,000	50.0	AGFD will administer a Grants and/or Agreement program for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signage, maps, and OHV related environmental education 2. Access, road, and trail development as well as route management 3. Mitigation for damage caused by OHVs 4. OHV related inventory, construction, improvement, acquisition or lease 5. Environmental assessment and cultural clearance and/or compliance activities and actions 6. State, County and Federal OHV Law Enforcement (AGFD not eligible)
B. Information and Education Program		
\$720,000	18.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Education</u>: AGFD would develop and administer an OHV rider safety & OHV environmental ethics-training program using volunteers and OHV dealers as instructors. 2. <u>Outreach & Information</u>: AGFD would develop a statewide marketing message and provide outreach materials to agencies, users and publics.
C. Law Enforcement and OHV Management		
\$600,000	15.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AGFD will receive funding for the equivalent of six law enforcement officers (FTEs) for OHV law enforcement activities statewide.
\$400,000	10.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. ASLD will receive funding that can be used for law enforcement and the management of OHVs on State Trust Lands.
\$280,000	7.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. AGFD to utilize no more than 7% to administer program

Proposed Funding

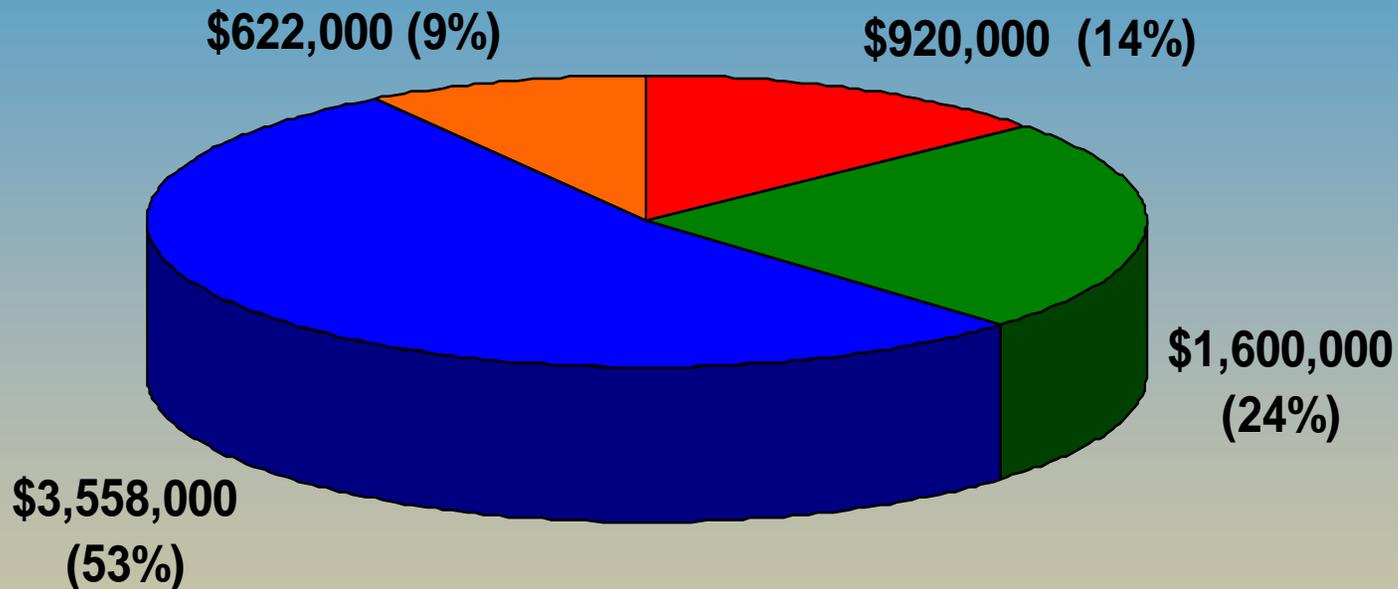


Existing Funding



- Info & Education
- Law Enforcement
- Grants or Agreements
- Administration

Existing & Proposed OHV Funds



- Info & Education - Proposed
- Law Enforcement/Proposed
- Grants or Agreements/Proposed
- Administration

Existing & Combined* OHV Funds

(* includes existing plus proposed)



Info & Education

Law Enforcement

Grants or Agreements

Off-Highway Vehicle Workgroup Proposed Legislation Public Meetings

Date	City/Town	Location
Oct. 24	Tucson	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson, AZ 85745
Oct. 25	Benson	Cochise College - Benson Center 1025 S. Highway 90 Benson, AZ 85602
Oct. 30	Prescott	Prescott Valley Council Chambers 7501 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
Nov. 2	Pinetop	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 2878 E. White Mountain Boulevard, Pinetop, AZ 85935
Nov. 3	Mesa	City Of Mesa Utilities Department 640 North Mesa Drive, Mesa, AZ (extra parking at 703 N. Mesa Dr)
Nov. 6	Yuma	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 9140 E. 28th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365
Nov. 7	Kingman	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 5325 N. Stockton Hill Road, Kingman, AZ 86409
Nov. 8	Flagstaff	Arizona Game and Fish Department Office 3500 S. Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Nov. 15	Glendale	Glendale Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85308
Nov. 16	Safford	Eastern Arizona College, Bonita Room 1014 N. College Avenue, Thatcher, AZ 85552

Thank you, Off-Highway Vehicle Legislative Workgroup



Audience Survey



*1. Have you operated a vehicle
off-highway in the past 12
months?*

2. What type of vehicle have you operated off-highway in the past 12 months?

- ❖ ATV (4 wheeler, Quad)
- ❖ Motorcycle, ATC (3 wheeler)
- ❖ 4x4 (Trucks, SUVs & Jeeps)
- ❖ Passenger vehicle
- ❖ UTV (Utility vehicles such as Rhinos & Golf Carts)
- ❖ Dune buggy or sand rail

3. Would you be willing to pay a user fee to meet the needs of off-highway vehicle users and protect natural resources?

4. We want to go over some off-highway vehicle management program areas that are proposed to be in the bill. Of the following which is most important to you?

- ❖ Rider Safety
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Access to OHV Areas
- ❖ Mitigation or Restoration of habitat(s) due to damage from OHV use
- ❖ Establishing long-term dedicated funding for OHV management
- ❖ Facility and/or trail development
- ❖ Informational signs
- ❖ Law Enforcement

5. If OHV management were increased across Arizona, where do you think funding should come from to support management, safety education, habitat protection, and law enforcement?

- ❖ Taxes on fuel
- ❖ Taxes from general state revenue
- ❖ OHV registration fees through Department of Motor Vehicles
- ❖ Fines from OHV violations
- ❖ Fines from fishing, hunting, or other wildlife violations
- ❖ Special user fee such as a permit for OHV users
- ❖ Other, Please Specify

6. *If a fee was established, what do you feel is the appropriate per-vehicle fee to pay annually for off highway vehicle (OHV) management in Arizona?*

- ❖ \$0-\$5
- ❖ \$6-\$10
- ❖ \$11-\$15
- ❖ \$16-\$20
- ❖ \$21-\$25
- ❖ \$26-\$30
- ❖ \$31-\$35
- ❖ \$36-\$40
- ❖ \$41-\$45
- ❖ \$46-\$50
- ❖ \$51 or more

7. If a fee was established, what do you feel is the appropriate per-vehicle fee to pay every two years for off highway vehicle (OHV) management in Arizona?

❖ \$0-\$5

❖ \$6-\$10

❖ \$11-\$15

❖ \$16-\$20

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❖ \$26-\$30

❖ \$31-\$35

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8. Current regulations, laws, and signs make it clear where you may ride an off-highway vehicle.

- ❖ Strongly disagree
- ❖ Disagree
- ❖ Neither disagree nor agree
- ❖ Agree
- ❖ Strongly agree

Thank You



*Please provide us with any
comments or suggestions on how
to make off highway vehicle
driving better in Arizona.*

*Comment online at:
azgfd.gov/coppersticker*