

Western States

Issues

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- Side by Side Specifications – Width, weight, tire size, etc.

Discussion

Staffing Issues

- Cost of living
- OHV position turnover through assignments
- Lack of permanent positions
- Permanent seasonal positions can help to keep people in an area and wanting to serve
- Upper management support to bring on additional staffing
- Developing better capacity
- Drawn out application process

Staffing Solutions

- Combination positions like snow and trail maintenance positions
- Cross jurisdictional coordination
- Establishing agreements within State Parks to develop housing in high use areas to help lower the cost of living for employees
- Housing stipends
- Permanent Full time Positions within federal land managers
- Hiring locals and veterans
- Lease underutilized properties at colleges for housing
- Department of corrections

Maintenance Successes

- Agreements in place to be able to use USFS agreement
- Collaborative training for chainsaw certifications across the different Corps
- State Contracted Trail Crews
- Red Rock Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Crew in Sedona 1% of rental companies' revenues are donated to Tread Lightly! and currently have over 1,500 hours for calendar year 2023.
- Mechanized equipment operation authorization
- USFS Sawyer Training/Certification Program
- 750,000 now available for Alaska State Park Trail Maintenance

Maintenance Solutions

- Utilizing third party project sponsors/subcontractors/non-profits as project sponsors to streamline processes
- Partnership with USFS and BLM trainings to obtain 40HR Certification Trainings
- More instructors involved in the Great Trails/Sustainable trail buildings

User Created Trails and Law Enforcement Successes

- Law enforcement specific grant programs
- LE Train the Trainer Course
- If there are is decent travel management planning and signage there is usually less user created trails
- Having a diversity of quality and quantity opportunities

User Created Trails and Law Enforcement Solutions

- Designated Trails
- Trail Maintenance
- Trail Ambassadors/Volunteers

Travel Management Successes

- Designated Trail Crews in Arizona 6 to choose from and can do work and be paid directly by Agencies
- As most agencies are pretty dated and being updated. They are doing better planning and organizing for how recreation will be involved for future use.
- Having trainings prior to hosting conferences

Travel Management Solutions

- Get clubs involved in providing comment on
- If people want travel management changes there needs to be a strong volunteer presence in the area to ensure that they can help land mangers
- Access, Connectivity, and Experience planning
- Recreation opportunity spectrum for USFS