

Pinal County
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Public Meeting #1 Comments-Apache Junction
June 27, 2006

Values

- Access to equestrian trails
- Keep the existing equestrian trails
- Close proximity to local equestrian trails
- Maintain open space
- Dark skies
- Wilderness character of the existing open space
- Government support of equestrian culture
- Maintain equestrian culture
- Trail solitude
- Un-obstructed views of mountains/open space
- Natural condition
- Natural landscape
- Historical trails
- Preserve military training within existing location (along CAP)
- Safety/security within rural community
- Existing desert wildlife (preserving)
- Preservation of the large open space areas (BLM land, etc.)

Issues

- Separation of trail users
- No areas marked as single use trails
- Co-existence of trails, open space, and development
- ATV users conflicting with equestrians
- No designated and enforced ATV trails or large use areas
- Enforcement of trail usership (access and users)
- Identified chain of command (there is no clear one currently) for enforcement
- Repair of fences and signs
- Insufficient parking
- Impact to wildlife
- State land disposition
- Dumping of large trash items
- Firearm usage
- Lack of accessible trails for all age groups
- Public involvement and awareness

Needs

- Off-leash dog parks
- Potable water for all users (equestrians, pedestrians, dogs, etc.)
- Enforcement
- Effecting smart growth
- Enforce usage on state land
- More people involved

- Clear line of communication for management/enforcement
- More equestrian trails
- Over-night camping
- Equestrian camping
- Protect environment
- Designated ATV use areas
- Signage and identification
- Preserve natural environment for future generations
- Maintain trails and open space
- Convenient, sufficient parking
- Trailer parking
- Maintain open space
- More awareness and promotion throughout the county
- Volunteer program
- Control urban space development
- Connect to equestrian neighborhoods
- Accessible trails and open space
- Integration of trails and open space with new development
- User facilities (restrooms, benches, etc.)
- Rest areas and spur trails off of the main trails
- Local government buy-in, regional cooperation
- Dedication of open space/trails to county
- Integrate rural values into development
- Lobbyist/ public relations firm to help build support and promote goals
- Look for grants
- Integration of open space and growth
- Environmental clearances
- Preserve and protect cultural resources
- County guidelines for design
- Signalized trail crossings
- Grade separated crossings
- More trailheads
- Educational programs
- Chain of enforcement accountability