



TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 8, 2022

TO: Mayor & Town Council

THROUGH: Not Applicable

FROM: Casey VanHaren, Community Services Director

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

AGENDA TYPE: Consent Agenda

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between Arizona State Parks Board and the Town of Prescott Valley for the Monitoring of Cultural and Paleontological Sites through the Arizona Site Steward Program for Consideration & Possible Action (Approve) [Casey VanHaren, Community Services Director]

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREA: Quality of Life means enhancing public safety, infrastructure, connectivity, and recreational space and programs the Town maintains for its residents.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a framework to promote cooperation and understanding between the Town of Prescott Valley and the Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB) concerning the Arizona Site Stewardship Program (ASSP) at FitzMaurice Ruins, which will serve the mutual interests of the Parties and public.

The archaeological resources of the State of Arizona are deemed a valuable and non-renewable resource of the people of Arizona and the people of the United States of America. Many archaeological sites throughout Arizona are currently being subjected to vandalism and other forms of permanent destruction. This illegal activity continues, in part, due to a lack of understanding by the public of

the true value of the resources and a lack of regular surveillance of these locations. State and federal laws encourage cooperation among state and federal agencies, local governmental entities, and private citizens. The undersigned Parties have determined that a program of regular, volunteer visitation of locations of archaeological resources throughout the Town of Prescott Valley diminishes the rate of their destruction and leads to an improved attitude among local citizens toward archaeological resources in their region.

The Parties recognize and encourage a continued commitment to the enhancement and protection of the cultural and natural resources of the State of Arizona as well as the goals of public recreation.

This MOU establishes an enduring basis for cooperation and assistance between the Parties to achieve common goals and objectives that are sensitive to our cultural and natural resources.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign the MOU with the Arizona State Parks Board. VOTE.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of MOU with Arizona State Parks Board.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no anticipated direct fiscal impact due to the requested action.

Council Action at the Meeting: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: No