

What are the needs for outdoor recreation?

Recurring federal funds for BLM to help manage recreation trails, build trailheads (like we find in Moab), provide enforcement, and operate these public lands in a similar fashion to BLM offices in Utah.

Education programs implemented in our schools instructing our youth to take pride in our public lands, respect the land for all users, pack it in pack it out, etc.

State require all OHV owners to take education training, at the time of registration or at the time of purchase, on OHV laws, how to use them on public lands, the ins and outs, etc.

Don't avoid technology, embrace it. Start using QR codes that allow hikers to use their smart phones. Invest in Augmented Reality to enhance the OR experience.

Take advantage of American Rescue Act funds to expand broadband to certain communities...the broadband would then support the OR experience.

The Pueblo of Laguna needs Village parks, playgrounds, skate parks, bicycle paths/trails, and walking paths/trails.

Develop cocurricular activities at colleges and universities that develop, promote, and support OR goals.

Centralized online presence informing public where OR opportunities are located throughout state (central website, social media sites, on site QR codes).

Better story telling promotional materials (signs, brochures, etc.) that educate the public on the uniqueness of NM OR as opposed to CO, AZ, and UT.

Local pool of Tour guides, tour buses to access OR

Signage on rural routes to attractions (e.g. Chaco Canyon)

Share statewide data (economic/health/education) to better coordinate need.

Better efforts in collecting input on OR development, specifically from hidden populations...people that couldn't attend tonight without internet.

Outdoor, dedicated Pickleball Courts! Aztec AND Farmington!

River Access: maps that list danger spots, put-ins, take outs, parking, etc. all along the Animas River from Tico Time (North of Aztec) all the way to Farmington.

Retail venues to compliment/support hiking, biking, horseback riding, off road vehicles, golf, walking, running, fishing, hunting

More camping sites, water access, restroom facilities, rest areas on the trails, trail markers.....

Equipment rental - OHV, bicycles, hiking equipment, boats, camping, etc.

Water stations and shade structures near trails

App/website (information hub of all assets) of all outdoor recreation amenities, parks, facilities, etc.

Collaborative calendar of outdoor recreation events

The Pueblo needs trail amenities, shade structures, and culturally relevant signage.

The Pueblo of Laguna needs a pilot Operations and Maintenance program to educate governmental programs on maintaining and operating the



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What are the opportunities or barriers to meeting your region's outdoor recreation needs?

Inclusion

purchasing ALL passes, permits, etc that may be required for using facilities. A Senior State Parks Pass is not available for purchase online. One must DRIVE to a state park to buy the pass. One cannot make camping reservations at any

Stringent regulation from funding sources that are not open to tribal needs.

Land ownership issues developing OR space in checkerboard area in Cibola/McKinley.

Historic preservation designations of sites in communities historically overlooked.

Navajo Technical University recently got a U.S. Cycling Collegiate Team in Mountain Biking.

Merging technology with OR. Don't try to get the kids to put down the Smart phone. Use the smart phone to get them to do OR.

Beautiful Natural Places!

Lots of oil and gas roads leading into open areas. Can these be maintained in perpetuity after the O&G gets tapped out?

Working OR models supporting user friendly activities.

Retaining tourists for more than a day or two as they pass through to UT, AZ, or CO. Can do it through a new, community-based marketing campaign.

Funding! and Collaboration!

Better collaboration with BIA to develop BIA lands/roads.

Risk management on Navajo Nation. Many OR initiatives are stifled when chapters don't want to get sued.

Promote off the beaten path OR - agritourism, ecotourism, experiential tourism, geo tourism - not just see, actually do!

Project based learning and co-curricular are effective in NM education. Each should drive development. OR, Eco. Dev, and Education efforts need to be better coordinated.

Loss of traditional knowledge on landscapes, histories, plants, etc.

Existing & Unique Cultural Places

Special events around OR...for instance NM vs. CO chili cook-off paired with fun/run.

Access to equipment for outdoor recreation - rental services, retail

No centralized information hub on OR opportunities.

Promotion of NM outdoor recreation as a state - not just a "pass through state!"

Availability of some "matched" funding for OR improvements.

Public service announcements/education to promote litter free outdoor recreation. Pack in/Pack out....recycle, reuse, repurpose!

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OPPORTUNITIES