

Executive Order 2008-28

Establishing the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Parks Board is charged with managing and preserving and enhancing areas of natural resources and cultural significance and providing recreation opportunities for its citizens;

WHEREAS, the population of the State of Arizona is projected to continue to grow, increasing demand for more and diverse recreation and environmental park areas;

WHEREAS, the recent economic downturn has been hard on all of state government, including state parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby create the Governor's Sustainable State Parks Task Force (the "Task Force"), and order as follows:

1. The Task Force shall:
 - Assess the current physical and financial state of the Arizona State Parks system;
 - Study how projected growth in Arizona will impact the current state park system and make recommendations as to how the system should adapt and respond to change through 2030;
 - Assess the economic impact of the Arizona State Parks system on the overall economic development of the State.
 - Study and make recommendations as to how the Arizona State Parks system can achieve financial sustainability into the future;
 - Study and make recommendations to improve promotion of the state parks; and
 - Study and make recommendations how to leverage resources between Arizona State Parks and other State and Federal agencies.
2. Task Force members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and serve without compensation. The Task Force shall consist of not more than 21 members.
3. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Task Force.
4. Arizona State Parks shall provide administrative support for the Task Force.

5. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairperson. Task Force members shall vote in person and not by proxy. They may not send a designee for voting purposes.
6. The Chairperson may form subcommittees and working groups as required.
7. The Task Force shall submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor by June 30, 2009.
8. The Commission and this Executive Order shall expire June 30, 2009.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

[Handwritten Signature]
GOVERNOR

DONE, at the Capitol in Phoenix, this 11 day of December in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Third.

ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE