



2010 Deem Hills Recreation Area Trails Construction Summary

Funding:

- Trails are being constructed using development impact fees that were collected for the express purpose of developing parks and trails

Contractor:

- Northwest Woodland Services, Inc.
- NWWWS has been constructing trails for over 25 years and have built trails for Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Cave Creek, Fountain Hills and others over the past 6 years.

Trail Plans:

- Initial trail plan was created in 1969
- 1981 plan was approved by the Bureau of Land Management as part of the lease and patent that conveyed the land to the City of Phoenix – land conveyed for *public recreation purposes*
- 1996 concept plan was developed, presented and accepted by the Phoenix Parks & Recreation Board
- 2007-2009 – Parks Development staff finalize trail plan based on 1996 plan
- December 2009 – Archaeology Survey takes place along trail alignments
- February 2010 construction on Deem Hills Recreation Area trails begins
- March 25, 2010 representatives from the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department present preferred alignments to Stetson Hills HOA and receive verbal and written comments from citizens and finalize alignments based on comments received and original trail plans
- April 7, 2010 City of Phoenix finalizes plan

April 7, 2010 Final Plan:

- “North face” trails (1, 2, 4 and 5) remain the same
- Trail 6 is rerouted slightly to the north toward the ridgeline
- Trail 3 is rerouted to avoid the majority of the rocky slopes and reduce visual impact
- The only legal access from Stetson Hills to the trails is at the multi-use trail which connects Stetson Hills to Deem Hills Park at the west side of the community
- If additional access is requested from the Stetson Hills HOA, additional alignments would need to be constructed
- This the final trail alignment plan and only limited deviations based on unforeseen conditions will occur
- Existing trails not on this plan will be closed and signed closed on City land at points leading from the Stetson Hills community
- The city is working on placing signs at the entrances to the community stating that there is no parking for trail access in the community.