



# Usery Mountain Regional Park Connector Trail Update

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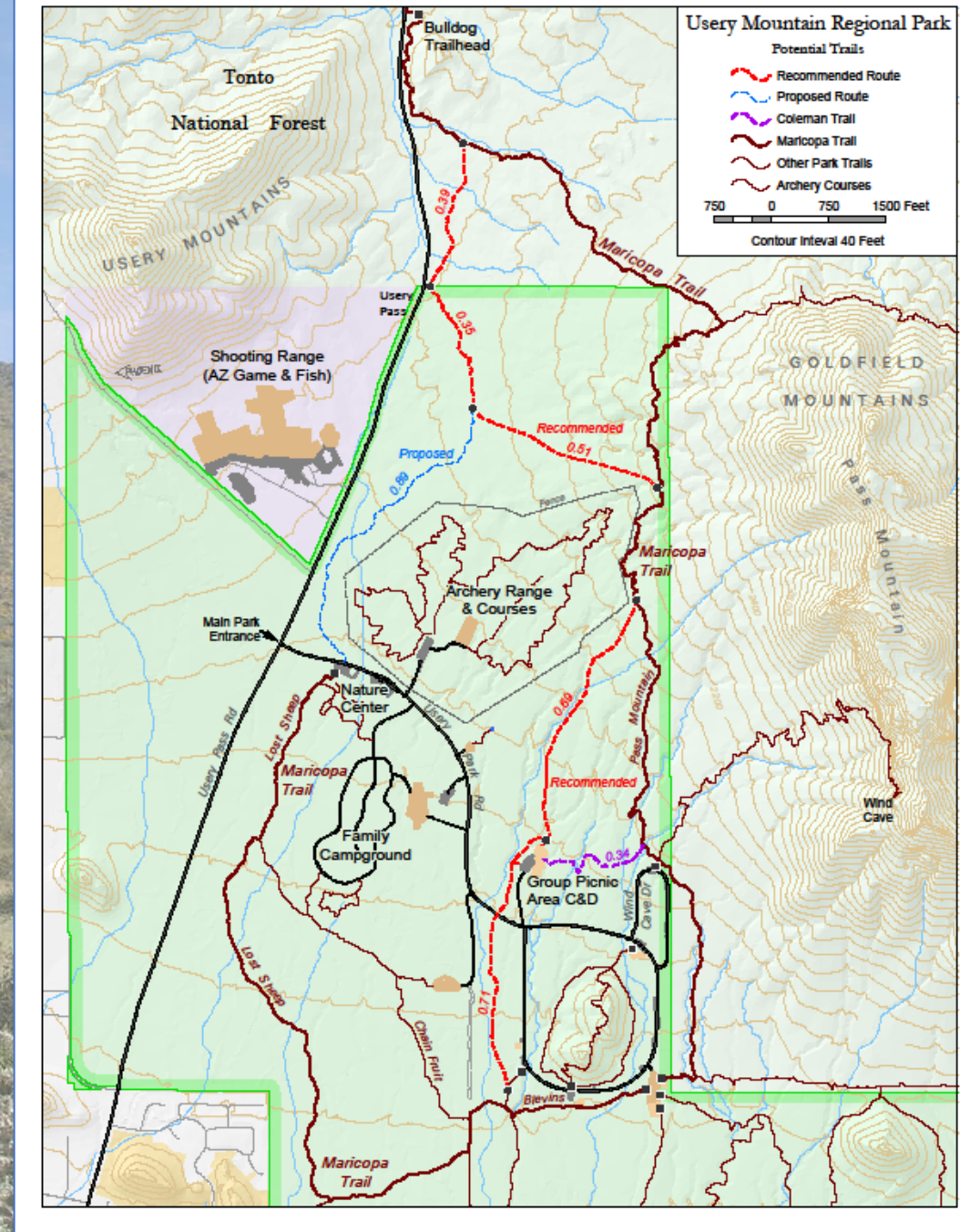
# Hawes Trail Alliance Proposed Route

- Field review with Hawes Trail Alliance (HTA) and MCPRD Trails Crew
- Evaluation by Operations staff and Trails Group
- Stakeholder Input Meetings
  - BLM
  - Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District
  - Maricopa County Department of Transportation
  - Flood Control District
  - City of Mesa
- Issues with route
  - Congestion at Nature Center
  - Limited Parking
  - Park Road Crossing
    - Conflicts with all incoming traffic to the Park
    - Prior to Entry Station
    - Safety – congested area
  - Archery Range
  - User Pass Road Proximity





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- Same Connection Point at Northwest corner of Park
  - Allow same approved USFS connecting trail
- Share small short portion (0.4 miles) of Pass Mountain Trail (north of the Wind Cave Junction)
- Connect to Picnic Area C and D
  - Parking and restrooms
  - Under utilized area
- Connecting trail to Blevins Trail near Maricopa Trail connection
- Provides cleaner north-south connection



# Concept of Execution

- MCPRD flag route
- HTA field review
- HTA to pay for Cultural Resource Survey
- Area C and D to Park boundary
  - MCPRD rough cut with equipment
  - HTA finish work
- Blevins Trail to Area C and D
  - MCPRD construction





A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a large, three-armed saguaro cactus stands prominently on the left. The ground is covered with various desert shrubs and smaller cacti. In the background, a large, rugged mountain with a flat top rises against a blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, bold, black font across the center of the image.

**Questions?**