

## Arizona State Parks Foundation



Slide Rock State Park, Sedona, Az

### Parks Talk!

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### President's Corner

With the 2011 Legislature now behind us, it's time to take stock of the current condition of the State Parks system.

The Legislature has left State Parks with just enough revenue – if they are lucky—to struggle through another year of operation. There is no money for major maintenance or capital improvements.

In my opinion, the system cannot survive these circumstances for more than another year, or two at the most. The Foundation is pursuing an agenda to achieve these absolutely crucial changes between now and 2012:

First, we must protect Parks' earned income permanently from Legislative raids through voter-approved legislation.

Second, we must secure a protected source of income to pay for core services, major maintenance and capital improvements. Not a blank check, but a carefully controlled source of funds secured by voter approval.

Finally, State Parks must take full advantage of partnership opportunities with private enterprise and non-profit entities, but that will require administrative flexibility and fiscal integrity. Nobody wants to make long term commitments to an agency that is constantly at risk of going out of business.

This is not a wish list. These changes are essential for the survival of State Parks.

### The State of Arizona State Parks



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Renee Bahl.  
[Link here to watch archived video for an update on the state of Arizona State Parks.](#)

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