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### **ASSESSMENTS TAKING PLACE AT THUNDERBIRD CONSERVATION PARK OVER THE COMING MONTHS**

**Glendale, Ariz.** -- Thunderbird Conservation Park (TCP), a popular recreational destination in Glendale, will see some visitors over the next few months that may seem out of the ordinary, and the city of Glendale's Public Facilities, Recreation and Special Events Department would like to make park users aware of what is happening.

Parks staff has contracted with Okanogan Trail Construction to conduct an assessment of the trails in TCP. The assessment begins this month, and will continue through the end of October. This means that evaluators will be on the trails periodically to assess conditions. The public may see their company vehicles in certain areas of the park. Their work on the trails will not impede anyone from using the trails, however. Access to the park will be unaffected.

Okanogan Trail Construction (OTC) is an award-winning trail design, trail building, and trail maintenance company that is available worldwide. OTC has been serving public and private clients for over thirty years, with expertise in performing heavy-duty construction in a wide range of wild, rural, and urban regions. They specialize in sustainable trail design, surveys, and planning; sustainable trail construction for hiking, biking, and equestrian trails as well as stabilized (ADA accessible) trails; trail maintenance, restoration, and upgrades and trail maintenance training.

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### **Thunderbird Park/Add 1.1.1**

Another project currently underway at TCP involves Arizona State University (ASU). Parks staff is working with ASU's College of Integrative Sciences and Art to facilitate a research study of native bats in the TCP area. The goal of the ASU study is to monitor the effect of urbanization on the distribution of bats, which will include the installation of a camera and wildlife monitor in an area of the park for the next year. ASU staff will be downloading data several times during the study and are working with multiple agencies to across the metropolitan Phoenix area to collect data. The data collection process will not affect park use, and the public is not likely to notice this at all.

As the weather cools down this fall, and more hikers begin to visit the park, the city would also like to remind the public of the important trail safety and etiquette guidelines. For all the information on TCP, including a trail map and ratings, wildlife viewing and the park rules and safety, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/ThunderbirdPark.cfm](http://www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation/ThunderbirdPark.cfm).

For additional information on all Glendale Parks & Recreation programs and services, call 623-930-2820 or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation).

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