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Ranger Roundup

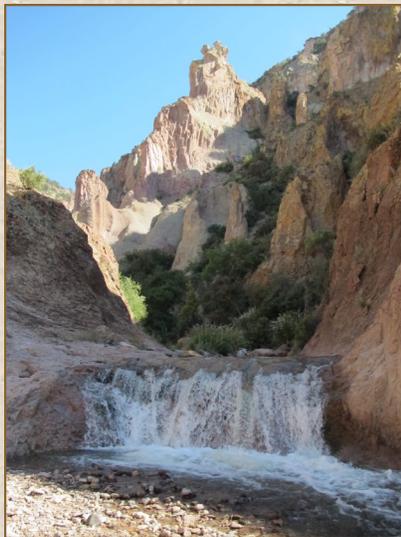
Anne Casey, Glenwood District Ranger

John Muir said, “The mountains are calling and I must go.” If this is how you feel, there are many opportunities to answer that call here on the Glenwood Ranger District and across the Gila National Forest.

Head into the large open pine area of Pueblo Park Campground in the Saliz Mountains or enjoy the closed-canopy riparian beauty in the Cottonwood Campground. Stop by Aldo Leopold Vista along Highway 180 for the scenery and spectacular sunsets on the western side of the Mogollon Mountains.

The Catwalk is closed for reconstruction, but there are many great places to visit on the district. Mineral Creek is a beautiful hike, located just east of Alma. The striking smooth rock in the canyon and the perennial water is inviting to people and wildlife in the summer and several of the seeps in the canyon walls create icicles during the winter.

If you’re feeling more adventurous, you may want to try some hiking or horseback riding in the Blue Range Wilderness or the Gila Wilderness. Both can provide you with an escape from the day to day noise as you enjoy the solitude of the backcountry.

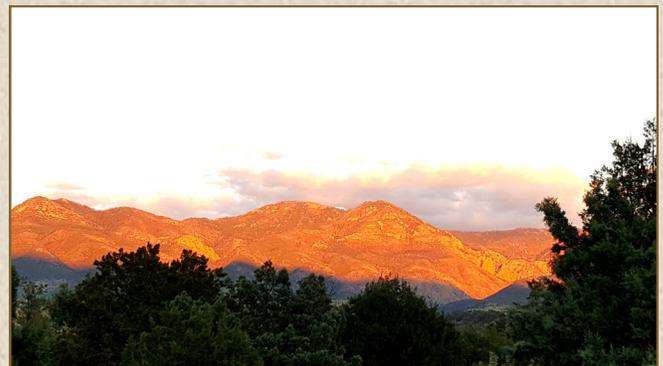


Mineral Creek

Fuelwood permits are available in the Deep Creek, Cedar Breaks, Gut Ache, and Snare Mesa areas. On Snare Mesa, a juniper project is being conducted in partnership with community members and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). We are planning a meeting at the Glenwood Community Center in mid-to late January, so please come and get involved if you’re available. The Pueblo Park Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project—an upcoming project—will have some field visits for potential partners and the public as well.

Keep an eye out this winter for Glenwood employees conducting visitor use monitoring surveys, maintaining our campgrounds, and removing hazard trees. You may also see smoke from prescribed burning near the office.

Our campgrounds are open year-round. When you visit, stop by the district office to find out the latest road and recreation conditions. This time of year, be careful to pay attention to weather forecasts; cold fronts move through regularly, and when rain occurs over an existing snowpack, flooding can result in any of our canyons.



Sunset on west side of Mogollon Mountains