



# Campground & Trailhead Improvements

*-Recovery Act Projects-*

## Montezuma, Dolores, La Plata, Archuleta & Hinsdale Counties



The San Juan National Forest receives an annual average of 1.7 million visitor days, contributing significantly to the tourism industry of the Four Corners. Its campgrounds, trailheads, overlooks, picnic areas, cabins and boat ramps are extensively used. Of the Recovery Act funding received by the San Juan, perhaps none was more important to visitors than that spent to replace old toilets.



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In total, 38 new toilets are being installed at San Juan National Forest campgrounds and trailheads.

The prefabricated structures are placed on top of lined underground vaults, which can hold several hundreds of gallons of waste. The buildings are universally accessible and engineered to endure earthquakes, windstorms and heavy snow loads. Their steel-reinforced concrete will not rot, rust or burn. Interiors are easy to clean, and exteriors treated with an anti-graffiti sealer.



The new toilets feature “sweet-smelling technology,” which employs a continual and positive air flow from the vault through a vent pipe to keep the buildings odor-free.

The new structures are designed to blend in with the natural surroundings, remain sanitary even with extensive use and be easy to clean and maintain for agency crews.

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The next most important thing at a National Forest campground - other than great scenery - is probably the availability of potable drinking water.

The Recovery Act is funding improvements for several San Juan National Forest campground water systems, which were in disrepair.

Eight water systems have been upgraded or replaced with solar-powered water pumps and new chlorination systems. Others are receiving minor repairs, such as water hydrant replacements and valve replacements.

The result will be safe drinking water for campground users.

Contractors and partners who received Recovery Act funding to complete these projects include:

- Animas Well Drilling of Durango
- Balance Environmental of Denver
- CXT Inc. of Spokane, Washington
- Lane and Company, Inc. of Cortez
- MacNak Construction of Dolores
- Spallone Construction of Gunnison
- U-Can-Afford Landscaping of Pagosa Springs
- Valley Coast Constructors of Durango
- DG Marion of Blanding, Utah