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Forest Service to Consider Offering Madera Canyon Cabin for Overnight Rental

TUCSON, AZ (June 8, 2009) – The Coronado National Forest will soon be completing renovation of a cabin located in Madera Canyon, 15 miles east of Green Valley. The Kent Spring Cabin will accommodate a maximum of 8 people. The Forest is proposing to make this property available to the public as an overnight rental, and is seeking feedback on the proposal.

The \$150 per day fee will include day and overnight use of the house near Madera Canyon. **Kent Springs Cabin** with its six rooms can accommodate up to 8 people. The house contains two bedrooms (one with a full size bed, the second with a set of bunkbeds), one full bathroom, two living rooms (each with a futon couch), a fully-equipped kitchen and a large outdoor deck.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (REA), requires that all proposals to charge a new fee at recreation sites must meet certain criteria before fees can be initiated. The proposals to make the Kent Springs Cabin available as a rental meet the criteria for charging reasonable recreation use fees. Proposals for new fee sites are reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) after the Forest has completed their public involvement. The RRAC is composed of citizens who have recreation interests on public lands. The existing Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Resource Advisory Council (BLM RAC) has been authorized to perform this function for new fee sites in Arizona. The proposed fee for Kent Springs Cabin will be reviewed at the next regular meeting of the BLM RAC in the spring of 2010. Additional information about this meeting can be obtained by calling the BLM state office at 602-417-9215 or by viewing http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/res/rac/recreation_rac.html.

If the proposal is approved, the public will be able to make reservations beginning April 2010 by contacting the Forest Service National Recreation Reservation Service, ReserveAmerica, 1-877-444-6777 or www.reserveamerica.com. In addition to the \$150 daily rental fee, a \$9 service fee will be charged for each reservation. The reservation service also has information about renting and reserving other Forest Service facilities, including those offered under the Arizona "Rooms with a View" Cabin Rental program.

The Forest Service welcomes your questions, comments, concerns or support for their proposal to make the Kent Springs Cabin available for overnight rentals. They can be directed to Kathy Makansi by phone at 520.760.2502, or by email at kmakansi@fs.fed.us.

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