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Dear Group Campground Campers,

This letter is to inform you of upcoming changes to the Mogollon Rim Ranger Districts' group campground reservation procedures. Group campgrounds include Moqui Group, Long Valley Work Center and the Elks Picnic Ground. We are striving to develop our reservation system into one that runs smoothly and is easy for you our customers and our reservation staff. If you have any comments please let us know. To better incorporate your input we will be happy to receive letters with your feedback. Address letters to Campground Reservation Comments at the address listed above.

Effective November 1, 2011 reservations may be made through the Blue Ridge office at 928-477-2255 by speaking with a reservation representative during regular business hours 7:30 am through 4:00 pm, Monday Through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Reservations will be taken for up to six months in advance of the date called for all campgrounds listed. If you call November 1, you will be able to make a reservation up to May 1. Accordingly if you want a reservation for May 25<sup>th</sup>, the earliest you should call for a reservation is November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Changes specific to Moqui Group Campground are two pods (the Ernst and Simmons pods) may be reserved by one group up to 100 people (50 people per pod). The Spooner pod may only be reserved on a stand-alone basis – up to 50 people. Large refrigerated semi trucks will not be permitted, so please plan accordingly.

Depending upon the weather, group campgrounds will open approximately May 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

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## **GROUP USE CAMPGROUNDS**

Within the Blue Ridge area, there are three group use campgrounds with varying accommodations. Fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing and sightseeing are activities available to campers in this region. Summer temperatures in this vicinity range from the mid 30's to the low 90's. July and August are typically northern Arizona's monsoon season, which can involve short, intense thunderstorms. Our campgrounds are part of the Recreation Enhancement Act, which determines that 95% of the fees collected at each campground will be used for that site's maintenance and improvements. Our intent is to improve these facilities for future use. Reservations may be made through the Blue Ridge Office by talking with a reservation representative during business hours, 7:30 am through 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. Starting on November 1, 2011, reservations will be taken for up to six months in advance of the date to be reserved. If you call November 1, you will be able to make a reservation up to May 1. Accordingly, if you want a reservation for May 25, the earliest you may call for a reservation is November 25. **Messages on answering machines, faxes, or e-mails will not be accepted.** The campgrounds are *generally* open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. These sites are ideal for family reunions, company picnics, youth group outings, and various social functions requiring single or multiple day/night use. There is no electricity, showers, or RV dumps at any of these campgrounds. Cost per site, per night: \$30.00 Sunday through Thursday and \$50.00 Friday and Saturday.

### **MOQUI GROUP CAMPGROUND**

Moqui Group Campground consists of three sites/pods, Simmons, Spooner, and Ernst. They are located off FR138, approximately one mile from AZ87 (MP 298.8). This group campground is approximately 40 miles SW of Winslow, 50 miles NE of Payson and 70 miles SE of Flagstaff, in a beautiful setting surrounded by mature ponderosa pine, oak, and quaking aspen. The elevation at the campground is 6,970 feet. Mogollon Rim Ranger District acknowledges, with gratitude, the donations and support extended by the Winslow Kiwanis Club in the development, concept, and construction of Moqui Group Campground.

**Specifics:** Each of the three individual pods can accommodate up to 50 people. Simmons & Ernst pods may be reserved together for groups up to 100 people. (50 people each pod). Spooner pod will be 50 people limit. Groups with more than 100 people will need to consider going to the Elks Picnic Ground or the Long Valley Work Center. Moqui facilities include potable water, garbage service, ground grills, large pedestal barbecue grills, picnic tables, and restrooms. Spooner Pod is best suited for tent camping while Simmons and Ernst Pods can accommodate RVs up to 22 feet. Large refrigerated semi trucks will not be permitted. Other special equipment must be pre-approved.

### **ELKS PICNIC GROUND**

Elks Picnic Ground is located west of AZ87 (MP309.9), approximately 30 miles SW of Winslow and 60 miles NE of Payson. The elevation at this campground is approximately 6,500 feet. It is situated in an area of the Coconino National Forest where the terrain begins to fade from ponderosa pines into pinyon/juniper stands. This campground facility was designed and constructed by the Winslow Elks Lodge and generously donated to the Mogollon Rim Ranger District.

**Specifics:** This is a fenced 5 acre camp site. There is a 8' X 35' covered bandstand, raised 4 feet, for performances; 15 picnic benches, a horseshoe court, and a small swing set. The site can accommodate up to 300+ people. You must provide for your own water and garbage disposal. There are vault toilets, but for every 25 people after the 1<sup>st</sup> 50, the group will need to provide port-a-pots.

### **LONG VALLEY WORK CENTER**

Long Valley Work Center is located off of FR141 (MP 289.2 on AZ87). Travel 2 miles on FR 141, turn right onto FR147A for 0.7 miles, and then take the LVWC road to the left. Situated in the stately ponderosa pines, this site is near the Long Valley Store/Café/Garage complex on AZ87 (MP 290). It is approximately 35 miles NE of Payson and 50 miles SW of Winslow. The elevation at this camp site is approximately 6,950 feet.

**Specifics:** This site, which encompasses approximately 5 acres, is an old Forest Service work center. There are 5 buildings on the grounds which are **NOT** made available to the public. There are 3 pedestal grills, a group fire pit, 10 picnic tables. Neither water nor garbage service is provided. Your group must make the necessary arrangements for both. There are vault toilets, but for every 25 people after the 1<sup>st</sup> 50, the group will need to provide port-a-pots. This site can accommodate up to 300+ people.