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The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests welcomes back visitors to the White Mountains and the Clifton area

Springerville, AZ--May 17, 2013--The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) welcomes visitors back to the Forests in the White Mountains and the Clifton area. Just a reminder though the forest has had two major fires in the past 11 years there is still so much beauty to see and enjoy!

Please be mindful to always, **'LOOK UP, DOWN, AND AROUND'** when you are on forest. "We have a beautiful and dynamic forest just waiting for the full range of recreation activities. We have the most water of any forest in the Southwest and we are open for recreation opportunities in the White Mountains and the Clifton area," according to Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Supervisor Jim Zornes.

Special note: Campground reservations are no longer made through recreation.gov. They are now being made through www.reserveamerica.com or by calling (877) 444-6777. Below are the latest status reports for all five Ranger Districts located on ASNFs. Find out information you should know before visiting the ASNFs or any forested area within the southwestern region such as: are there any fire restrictions, Red Flag warnings, road closures, etc.).

Fire restrictions: Fire restrictions for the ASNFs will be implemented on Thursday, May 23 at 12:01 a.m. The Forest Service and their interagency partners have been monitoring conditions daily. Before leaving from your area always check this NEW Arizona Fire Restrictions website at: Firerestrictions.us and on the ASNFs website at: www.fs.usda.gov/asnf

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) have found eight (8) unattended fires this spring. Please be responsible when building campfires, when using gas stoves and smoking on your national forest. Below is a quick reminder on how to build and attend to your campfire:

Forest visitors are encouraged to be fire safe and show their commitment to wildfire prevention by going online and taking Smokey's [pledge](#).



Building A Safe Campfire



Build campfires away from overhanging branches, steep slopes, rotten stumps, logs, dry grass and leaves.



Start with dry twigs and small sticks. Remember - a good firebuilder never needs gas or kerosene to start a fire.



Keep the campfire small. A good bed of coals or a small fire surrounded by rocks gives plenty of heat. Use an existing fire ring.



Add larger sticks as the fire builds up. Avoid using hatchets, saws, or breaking branches off trees. Dead and down wood burns easily.



Never leave a campfire unattended. Even a small breeze could quickly cause the fire to spread.



Put the big pieces on last, pointing them toward the center, and pushing them into the flames. Use wood no larger than the diameter of an adult wrist.

Note: Fireworks are never allowed on any national forest lands

Campfires: *Items to bring with you:* A shovel and plenty of water (at least 10 gallons) to extinguish your fire before leaving the area (and not leaving your campsite until the campfire is cold to the touch, even if it is for a hike). Wind conditions may not warrant “Red Flag” warnings that are issued by the National Weather Service, but if the wind is blowing please don’t take the chance in having an incident of your fire getting out of control due to wind. Before building your fire make sure you use existing fire rings in developed campsites and when you are camping outside of a developed area, please make fire rings out of large rocks to contain your fire. Thank you!



All campgrounds are open except for West Fork campground is still closed due to safety concerns following the Wallow Fire and will not be open this year for use.

Trailers are not recommended on Forest Service Road 276 because of grade dips to roads to prevent wash outs during monsoons, please use FSR 26 instead.

ALPINE RANGER DISTRICT STATUS REPORT (928) 339-5000

All campgrounds below are OPEN:

- Alpine Divide Campground
- Aspen Campground
- Buffalo Crossing Campground
- Deer Creek Campground
- Diamond Campground
- Horse Springs Campground
- Raccoon Campground
- Hannagan Campground
- KP Cienega Campground
- Luna Lake Campground
- Upper Blue Campground
- Blue Crossing Campground

BLACK MESA DISTRICT STATUS REPORT (928) 535-7300

All campgrounds below are OPEN:

- All roads on the district
- Aspen Campground
- Black Canyon Rim Campground
- Canyon Point Campground
- Chevelon Canyon Lake Campground
- Chevelon Crossing Campground
- Crook Campground
- Forest Road (FR) 169 Campground
- FR 171 Campground
- FR 195 Campground
- FR 237 Campground
- FR 9350 Campground
- Gentry Campground
- Mogollon Campground
- Promontory Pit Road Campground
- Rim Campground
- The Woods Canyon Lake Store and Marina
- Sinkhole Campground
- Spillway Campground
- Rocky Point Campground

CLIFTON DISTRICT STATUS REPORT (928) 687-8600

All campgrounds below are OPEN:

- Black Jack Campground
- Coal Creek Campground
- Granville Campground
- Honeymoon Campground
- Lower Juan Miller Campground
- Upper Juan Miller Campground

LAKESIDE DISTRICT Recreation Status Report (928) 368-6476

Road closure on FR# 223 (Section 6, Township 9, North Range 23 East, G&SRM)

All campgrounds below are OPEN:

- Brown Creek Campground
- Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area
- Lakeside Campground
- The Scotts Reservoir
- Los Burros
- Lewis Campground (Reservation Only) Group 5/1 Approx

Here are the rest of the local campgrounds, reservations required but make phone call in case of cancellations:

Lakeside Campground 928- 368-6841 Reservations	5/1
Show Low Lake (City) 928-537-4126 Reservations	Open
Fool Hollow Rec (State) 928-537-3680 Reservations	Open Year Round

SPRINGERVILLE DISTRICT STATUS REPORT (928) 333-4372

The camp fee will be at a reduced rate until the potable water becomes available. The district is working with a contractor and RRM of A to have the potable water operational by Thursday, May 30 (the Thursday before Memorial Day weekend).

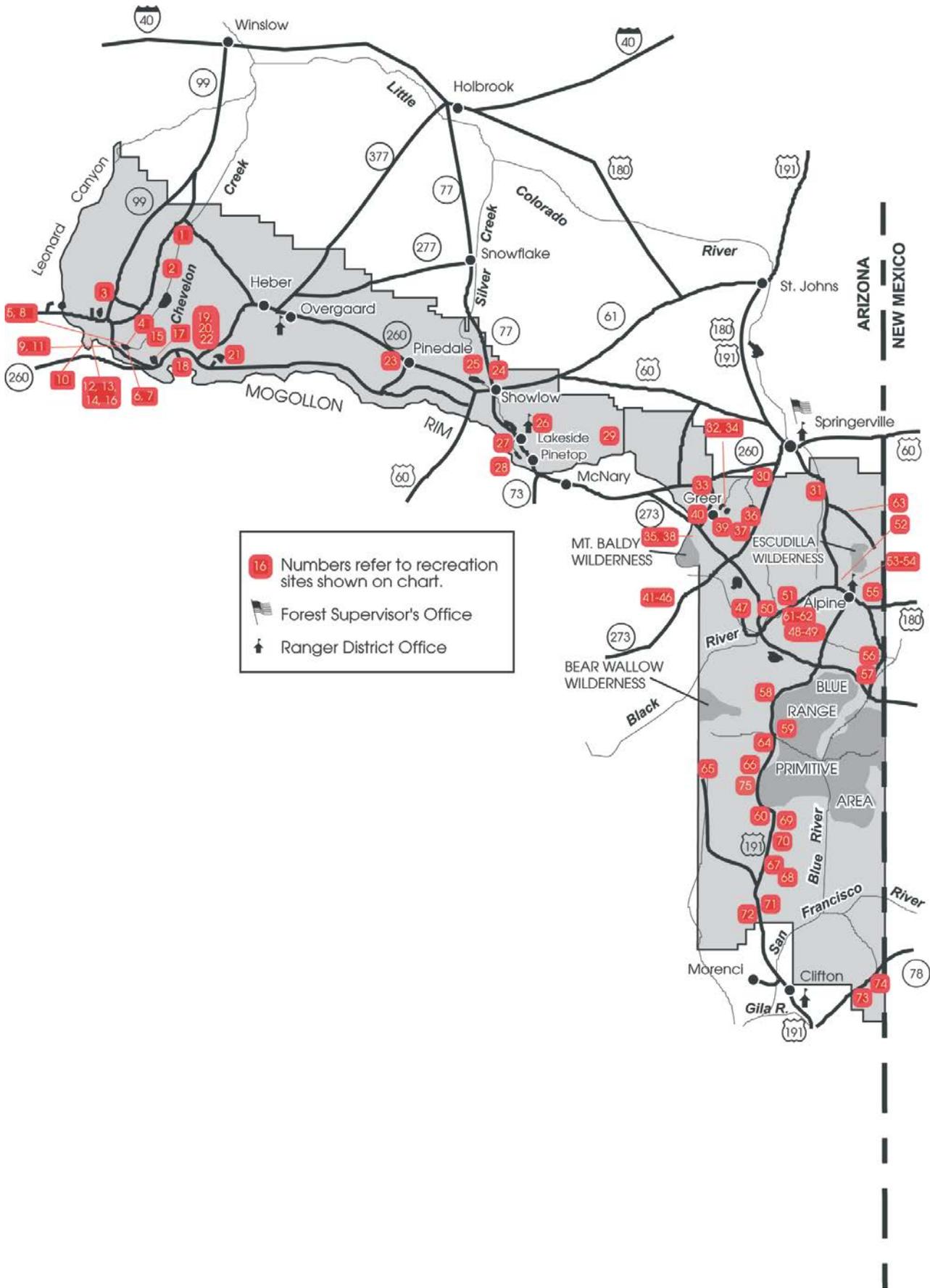
All campgrounds below are OPEN:

- Apache Trout Campground
- Benny Creek Campground
- Brook Char Campground
- Cutthroat Campground
- Grayling Campground
- Rainbow Campground
- Rolf C. Hoyer Campground
- Southfork Campground (open only for day use)
- Winn Campground
- Big Lake Marina and Store

- Big Lake Recreation Area:
 - Potable water is now available at the Big Lake Recreation Area.
 - All campgrounds have full services and are charging full fees.
 - The dump station and shower building are now open.
 - The Big Lake Visitor Center will be open this summer on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Acreage: 2,003,525. **Elevation:** 3,500'-11,500'. Main highways: U.S. 60, 180 & 191; Arizona 77 & 260. Some of the prettiest country in Arizona, including scenic Blue River, Big Lake, Crescent Lake, Chevelon Canyon Lake, Luna Lake, Greer Lakes and Woods Canyon Lake. From the south edge of the Colorado Plateau in central Arizona with a vast ponderosa pine forest to the mountain-meadow country of the White Mountains. Scenic drives along the Mogollon Rim, Coronado Trail, and through the White Mountains. Numerous lakes and streams for fishing and relaxation. Nearby campgrounds, picnicking, rowboat rentals (only electric motors permitted on most lakes). Good hunting for elk, deer, antelope, bear, turkey, and squirrel. Horseback riding, pack trips, hiking, and photography. Resorts, motels, and guest ranches nearby. Concessions available at Big Lake, Crescent Lake, Luna Lake, and Woods Canyon Lake. Normal season for recreation use: April-November. Day-night temperature change extreme, especially above 7,000 feet. Expect frequent afternoon showers in July and August. Nearby towns: Alpine, Clifton, Greer, Heber-Overgaard, Holbrook, Lakeside, Morenci, Pinetop, Show Low, Springerville, Eagar and Winslow.



16 Numbers refer to recreation sites shown on chart.
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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

Map Key	Name of Recreation Site	Ranger District	Location (Miles and direction from reference town)	Elevation	No. of Units		Fee Area	Water			Trailers Under	Season of Use	Stay Limit	Comments
					Camping	Picnicking		Drinking	Fishing	Boating				
1	Chevron Crossing CG	2	18 NW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 504	6,300	6				X		16'	All Year	14	PP
2	Chevron Canyon Lake	2	44 S of Winslow, AZ 99, FR 504 & 169	6,400					X			Mar-Dec	14	PP, BM/10, AR, NF, ALF, no vehicle access within 3/4 mi.
3	Bear Canyon Lake	2	38 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 89	7,600					X			May-Oct	14	PP, EBM, AR, NF, no vehicle access within 3/4 mi.
4	Woods Canyon Lake	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500					X	X		Apr-Oct		C, SDS, BR, EBM, S, CR, AR, B
5	Rocky Point PA	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500		16	X		X			May-Oct		NT, Open 8 to 8, C, UF, NOC
6	Spillway Group CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500	X		X	X	X	X	16'	May-Oct	14	C, UF, R, GPC, limit 25 people
7	Spillway CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500	26		X	X	X	X	16'	May-Oct	14	UF, R, B, C, SDS, S, CR
8	Aspen CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,600	136		X	X	X	X	32'	May-Oct	14	UF, R, B, C, SDS, S, CR
9	Wood Canyon Group CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500	X		X	X	X	X	32'	May-Oct	14	C, UF, R, GPC, limit 70 people
10	Mogollon CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,600	26		X	X	X		32'	May-Oct	14	UF, C, SDS, CR
11	Crook CG	2	27 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 105	7,500	26		X	X	X	X	32'	May-Oct	14	UF, C, SDS, CR, GPC, limit 10 people
12	Rim CG	2	26 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,500	26		X	X			32'	May-Oct	14	UF, C, AR, CR
13	Mogollon Rim Visitor Center	2	25 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,515								May-Oct		VC, Viewing Area, Toilets
14	Al Fulton Point PA	2	26 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,515		X						May-Oct		Viewing Area
15	Willow Springs Lake	2	22 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 149	7,500		5			X	X		May-Oct		BM/10, NOC, AR, PP, C
16	Sink Hole CG	2	22 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 149	7,500	26		X	X	X	X	32'	May-Oct		C
17	Sardine Point Day-Use Area	2	22 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 149	7,520		X			X			May-Oct		
18	Canyon Point CG	2	17 SW of Heber, AZ 260	7,600	117		X	X			32'	May-Oct	14	NT, SDS, UF, R, SHR, GPC, C, UA, E
19	Cross Country Ski Trails	2	14 SW of Heber, AZ 260	7,540			X					Nov-Mar		UF, C
20	Black Canyon Rim CG	2	15 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,600	21		X	X			16'	May-Oct	14	UF, PP, C, AR
21	Black Canyon Lake	2	18 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300 & 86	7,100					X	X	NO	May-Oct		EBM, NOC, AR, PP, B
22	Gentry CG	2	17 SW of Heber, AZ 260, FR 300	7,700	6				X		16'	May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF, AR
23	Lewis Canyon Group CG	7	2 S of Pinedale, FR 130	6,000	X						45'	May-Sep	14	UF, GPC, PP, R
24	Pintale Lake	7	4 N of Show Low, AZ 77	6,500								All Year		PP, NF, NOC, Observation Platform, BF Trail
25	Fool Hollow Lake	7	1 NW of Show Low, FR 137	6,300	125	25	X	X	X	X	45'	All Year	14	BM/8, UA, SDS, SHR, B, E
26	Scott Reservoir	7	In Lakeside, FR 45	6,700	X	X			X	X		All Year	14	EBM, B

These sites close to Woods Canyon Lake

27	Lakeside CG	7	In Lakeside	7,000	83		X	X			32'	May-Sept	14	UF, R, C, SDS	
28	Big Springs Interpretive Area	7	In Lakeside	6,720								All Year		Viewing Area	
29	Los Burros CG	7	7 N of McNary, FR 224	7,900	12						22'	May-Oct	14	PP	
30	South Fork CG	6	8 W of Eagar, AZ 260, FR 560	7,600	12		X		X		32'	All Year	14	PP, C, UF, R	
31	Nelson Reservoir	6	10 SE of Springerville, US 191	7,200		X			X	X		All Year		EBM, NOC, UA	
32	Bunch Reservoir	6	1 N of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87B	8,300					X	X		All Year		EBM, CR, AR	Known collectively as Greer Lakes
	River Reservoir	6	1 N of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87B	8,300					X	X		All Year		EBM, CR, AR	
	Tunnel Reservoir	6	1 N of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87B	8,300					X	X		All Year		EBM, CR, AR	
33	Rolfe C. Hoyer CG	6	1 N of Greer, AZ 373	8,300	100		X	X			45'	May-Oct	14	SDS, UF, UA, R, C, SHR, Fitness Trail, Fishing-Greer Lakes	
34	Benny Creek CG	6	2 N of Greer, AZ 373	8,300	26		X	X	X		24'	Mar-Dec	14	UF, C, R, Fishing at Greer Lakes	
35	Sheeps Crossing	6	10 SW of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87, AZ 273	9,200					X			June-Sep		PP, W, NOC, AR	
36	Winn Group CG	6	12 SW of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87, AZ 273, and FR 554	9,300	X		X	X				May-Sep	14	UF, GPC, C, 2 sites (50 per site), R	
37	Winn CG	6	12 SW of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87, AZ 273, and FR 554	9,300	63		X	X			40'	May-Oct	14	UF, R, C	
38	Lee Valley Reservoir	6	12 SW of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87, and AZ 273	9,400					X	X		May-Oct		EBM, NOC, CR, AR, UA	
39	Gabalton CG	6	12 SW of Greer, AZ 373, FR 87, and AZ 273	9,400	5				X		16'	Apr-Nov	14	W, HCO, PP, Corrals	
40	Government Springs	6	1 S of Greer, AZ 373	8,500					X			May-Sep		PP, NOC	
41	Crescent Lake	6	25 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273	8,800		X			X	X		Apr-Oct		BR, BM/10, S, NOC, CR, AR, UA	
42	Apache Trout CG	6	27 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273, FR 113 and 115	9,200	124		X	X	X	X	82'	May-Oct	14	R, B, C, S, BM/10, VC, SDS, SHR, GPC, UA, E	These sites at Big Lake
43	Rainbow CG	6	27 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273, FR 113 and 115	9,200	152		X	X	X	X	32'	May-Oct	14	UF, R, NT, B, C, S, BM/10, VC, SDS, SHR at Big Lake, GPC, limit 16 people	
44	Grayling CG	6	27 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273, FR 113 and 115	9,200	23		X	X	X	X	40'	May-Oct	14	UF, R, C, BM/10	
45	Brook Char CG	6	27 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273, FR 113 and 115	9,100	13		X	X	X	X	NO	May-Oct	14	UF, TCO, R, B, S, C, BM/10, VC, SDS	
46	Cutthroat CG	6	27 SW of Springerville, AZ 260 and 273, FR 113 and 115	9,100	18		X	X	X	X	NO	May-Oct	14	UF, TCO, R, C, BM/10	
47	West Fork CG	1	25 SW of Alpine, US 191 and FR 68	7,740	60				X			May-Oct	14	PP, C	
48	Buffalo Crossing CG	1	24 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 26 and 24	7,600	20		X	X	X		20'	May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF	
49	Horse Springs	1	22 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 249 and 276	7,600	33	5	X	X	X		32'	May-Oct	14	UA, UF, C, R	
50	Aspen CG	1	19 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 249 and 276	7,780	6				X			May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF	
51	Diamond Rock CG	1	17 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 249 and 276	7,900	12		X	X	X		10'	May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF	
52	Alpine Divide CG	1	4 N of Alpine, US 191	8,500	12		X	X			16'	May-Oct	14	UF, C, UA, R	
53	Luna Lake	1	6 SE of Alpine, US 180 and FR 570	8,000		5			X	X		All Year	14	BR, BM/10, S, B, UA	These sites at Luna

54	Luna Lake CG	1	6 SE of Alpine, US 180 and FR 570	8,000	50		X	X	X		32'	May-Sep	14	UF, B, R, C	Lake
55	Luna Lake Group CG	1	6 SE of Alpine, US 180 and FR 570	8,000	3		X	X	X		32'	May-Oct	14	UF, UA, GPC, C	
56	Upper Blue CG	1	17 SE of Alpine, US 180 and FR 281	6,200	3				X		16'	May-Oct	14	PP	
57	Blue Crossing CG	1	22 SE of Alpine, US 180 and FR 281	5,800	4				X		16'	May-Oct	14	PP, W	
58	Hannagan CG	1	23 SW of Alpine, US 191	9,100	8			X			16'	May-Oct	14	PP, W	
59	KP Cienega CG	1	29 SW of Alpine, US 191 and FR 155	9,000	5						16'	May-Sep	14	PP, W	
60	Blue Vista PA	1	29 S of Alpine, US 191	9,200		2						May-Oct		NT, PP, NOC, UA, Overlook	
61	Deer Creek CG	1	20 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 249 and 276	7,645	6				X			May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF	
62	Racoon CG	1	20 SW of Alpine, US 191, FR 249 and 276	7,600	10				X			May-Oct	14	PP, C, UF	
63	Hulsey Lake	1	7 N of Alpine, US 191 and FR 56	8,600					X			All Year		PP, EBM, AR, no vehicle access within 300 ft.	
64	Strayhorse	3	26 S of Alpine, US 191	7,800	7	3		X			16'	May-Nov	14	UA, W, Corrals	
65	Honeymoon	3	50 NW of Clifton, US 191 and FR 217	5,400	5	3			X		16'	Apr-Dec	14	PP, TCO	
66	Sheep Saddle PA	3	62 N of Clifton, US 191	7,400		6						All Year		PP	
67	Upper Juan Miller CG	3	27 N of Clifton, US 191 and FR 475	5,800	4						NO	All Year	14	TCO	
68	Lower Juan Miller CG	3	27 N of Clifton, US 191 and FR 475	5,700	4						16'	All Year	14	PP	
69	HL Saddle PA	3	33 N of Clifton, US 191	7,000		5						All Year		PP	
70	Sardine Saddle PA	3	32 N of Clifton, US 191	7,000		9						All Year		PP	
71	Granville	3	16 N of Clifton, US 191	6,500	11	2		X			16'	Apr-Sep	14	PP, NT	
72	Cherry Lodge PA	3	16 N of Clifton, US 191	6,500		8		X				Apr-Nov	1	PP	
73	Black Jack CG	3	14 SE of Clifton, US 191 and AZ 78	6,300	10							All Year	14	PP	
74	Coal Creek CG	3	19 SE of Clifton, US 191 and AZ 78	5,900	5						16'	All Year	14	PP	
75	Red Mountain Overlook	3	51 N of Clifton, US 191	8,200		1						All Year		PP, NT, overlook	

Key: ALF - Artificial Lure or Fly Fishing Only CR - Camping Restricted to developed campgrounds NOC - No Overnight Camping SHR - Showers
AR - Access Roads not cleared in winter E - Electric Hookups NT - Nature Trail TCO - Tent Camping Only
B - Boat Launching EBM - Electric Boat Motors only PA - Picnic Area UA - Universally Accessible
BM/10 - Boat Motors to 10 HP FR - Forest Road PP - Pack-it-in/Pack-it-out trash area UF - User Fee
BR - Boat Rentals GPC - Group Picnicking/Camping, reservations only R - Reservations VC - Visitor Center
C - Concession Operated HCO - Horse Camping Only S - Supplies W - Access to wilderness or primitive area
CG - Campground NF - No Facilities SDS - Sanitary Disposal Station 1 - Trout at all lakes, other species as indicated

Please contact the Ranger District for current information.

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests Ranger District Offices

(Numbers shown in parentheses refer to "Ranger District" column on recreation site table.)

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