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Request for Expressed Interest for Campground and Related Granger-Thye Concessions

Rose Canyon Complex | Santa Catalina Ranger District, Coronado National Forest

Questions and Answers

Below is a list of questions that were asked during or after the site tour on April 24th, 2025.

Q: Could the operating season be expanded? Would the Forest be interested in expanding the operating season?

A: Yes, although the seasons are currently based on historical weather conditions and flexibility would be required.

Q: If the operating season was extended and a late snow occurred, who would be responsible for closing the gate during the inclement weather?

A: Concession operator would be responsible for closing the gate in this scenario.

Q: Who evaluates the bids and makes the final decision on who is selected for the permit? What is the role of Enterprise in this?

A: Enterprise is providing additional support to the Forest ensuring that the correct process is followed for the RFEI and prospectus. A Small Business Development Center will evaluate the business plans and financial resources of the applications and provide a rating to the Forest. An evaluation panel will provide a final summary of the applications to the authorized officer as to which applicant offers the best value to the Government. The authorized officer, Forest Supervisor, will make the selection decision.

Q: How many host sites are within Rose Canyon and would the USFS be open to adding power where its currently provided by solar?

A: There are four host sites. Yes, USFS would be open to proposals for improving sites although this would require National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory compliance to be completed.

Q: How does stocking work at Rose Canyon Lake?

A: The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for stocking the lake and regulating recreational fishes, including take limits. Concession operator would not be responsible for covering the costs of stocking fish.

Q: Could additional rental facilities such as yurts be added around Sollers area or other campgrounds?

A: No specific location for additional or expanded overnight accommodations has been identified. Proposals would be considered and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Considerations would include available space, privacy for existing sites/uses, and access to utilities.

Q: Who would be responsible for maintenance of the outside of the cabin(s)?

A: Maintenance could be covered under the GT offset. Historic preservation guidelines and project design features would apply, so coordinating would be necessary with USFS staff.

Q: Does the USFS have any restrictions on RV's within Whitetail Campground?

A: No – there are no restrictions. Some sites are more appropriately sized for vehicles than others, however.

Q: Would the USFS be open to a proposal to shift one or more group sites to individual sites?

A: Yes, this could be considered.

Q: When it comes to the water system, what is the concessionaire responsible for when it comes to maintenance and repairs?

A: Josh Kemberling, USFS Water Operator, stated concessionaire is responsible from the water meter at each storage facility into the campgrounds. This includes underground lines, hydrants and spigots within individual camp sites. The USFS coordinates closely with concessionaire on any repairs that may be necessary.

Q: Under a scenario where the concession operator wants to open early, how quickly could the USFS turn on water service?

A: Depending on the season, it is expected USFS could turn on the water delivery to each site within one to two weeks.