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## Tell us your thoughts about amenities on Coronado National Forest

Input needed on a more sustainable developed recreation program on Coronado National Forest

**Tucson, AZ (January 24, 2017) – For Immediate Release.** In the near future, the Santa Catalina Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest will host a series of public meetings for its new initiative, “Restructuring Developed Recreation: the Future of Fees, Campgrounds and Day-use Areas.”

The Coronado National Forest (CNF) seeks community input on the management of its Developed Recreation Program. Developed recreation sites are areas such as picnic areas, campgrounds, group sites and trailheads where CNF provides some mix of picnic tables, interpretive signs, rest rooms, trash receptacles, parking areas, security services, and other amenities. Examples include Sabino Canyon, Windy Point Vista and Peppersauce Campground.

The funding to operate CNF developed recreation sites is generated by money allocated by the federal government, fees paid by visitors at CNF developed recreation sites, and donations from partners. These sources of funding, however, fall millions of dollars short of the amount required for CNF to operate and maintain the 204 developed recreation sites on the Forest. To assure the Forest has financial resources to continue to provide the expected level of service to Forest visitors into the future, CNF is restructuring the Developed Recreation Program.

The program has already increased efficiency by reducing paid staff, using more sustainable materials to build and maintain infrastructure, and eliminating some facilities. Current considerations include raising visitor fees, simplifying the payment process, closing sites, adding qualifying sites to the fee program, and increasing volunteer management of sites. The CNF seeks input from all Forest visitors on which solutions, or combinations of solutions, are preferred.

To explain the details of the Developed Recreation Program, and to gather input on potential solutions for restructuring the program, CNF will host public meetings across the Forest.

The current meeting schedule is as follows:

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ORO VALLEY –Tuesday, January 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Drive, Oro Valley, AZ.

ORACLE – Wednesday, February 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Mountain Vista School Library, 2618 W. El Paseo, Oracle, AZ.

TUCSON EAST – Monday, February 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Murphy Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road, Tucson, AZ.

MARANA – Tuesday, February 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Marana Town Center, 11555 West Civic Center Drive, Marana, AZ.

TUCSON NORTH – Saturday, February 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, 5700 North Sabino Canyon Road, Tucson, AZ.

TUCSON CENTRAL – Monday, February 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue, Tucson, AZ.

VAIL – Wednesday, February 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Rincon Valley Fire Station #1, 8850 S. Camino Loma Alta, Tucson, AZ.

TUCSON SOUTH – Saturday, February 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Southwest Community Center, 5950 S. Cardinal Avenue, Tucson, AZ.

COOLIDGE/MAMMOTH – Wednesday, February 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Central Arizona College Aravaipa Campus, 8470 North Overfield Road, Coolidge, AZ.

For more information on the Restructuring Developed Recreation initiative, please visit the website: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/coronado/feereview](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/coronado/feereview) .

Those not attending meetings may submit comments to the following email address: [CoronadoRecreation@fs.fed.us](mailto:CoronadoRecreation@fs.fed.us) .