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**AGING/UNDERUSED FACILITIES TO BE REMOVED
FROM CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST**
Areas will Remain Open for Use, Public Comments Invited

TUCSON, AZ (September 9, 2008) – In response to safety concerns and changing recreation demands on the Coronado National Forest, some facilities are being considered for removal from underutilized recreation sites on the forest. These changes are being made to protect riparian areas, lower operations and maintenance costs, save taxpayer dollars, and retire deferred maintenance of the sites. Facilities which are unsafe, unserviceable, redundant, or rarely used may be removed. Public safety was a primary decision factor, as many facilities are aging, causing serious safety concerns. All work would be done between October 2008 and September 2009. Areas will remain open for use (except during construction activities).

On the Douglas Ranger District (Chiricahua Mountains), planned work includes removal of all facilities from the Pinery Canyon Campground, removal of one of two restroom buildings from Idlewilde Campground, and movement of a gate to below the Rustler Park Trailhead.

On the Sierra Vista Ranger District (Huachuca Mountains), planned work includes removal of one of two restroom buildings from Reef Townsite Campground.

On the Safford Ranger District (Pinaleno Mountains) planned work includes removal of one restroom building from Wet Canyon Picnic Area, and removal of trash bins at the non-fee sites at Round the Mountain, Noon Creek, Wet Canyon, Stockton Pass and Clark Peak Corrals. A “pack it in, pack it out” ethic would be initiated at the aforementioned sites.

On the Santa Catalina Ranger District (Santa Catalina Mountains), planned work includes removal of restroom building(s) at Shuttle Stops #3 and/or #5 in Upper Sabino Canyon.

This action is part of the Recreation Facility Analysis study being conducted on the Coronado and other national forests across the country. More information can be found at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/rfa.

The public is invited to submit written comments by October 15, 2008 in the following ways:

- Email to southwest-comments [southwest-comments coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:southwest-comments-coronado@fs.fed.us) (Place “RFA” in the subject line.)
- FAX comments to (520) 388-8305 (ATTN: RFA)
- Mail comments to Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress St. Tucson, AZ 85701 (ATTN: RFA)

For more information regarding the proposed changes, please call (520) 388-8300 (collect calls accepted).