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Review of Two Forest Service Recreation Fee Proposals in Arizona Scheduled

PHOENIX, Ariz. – The Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Working Group will be conducting a teleconference on February 3, 2010, to discuss two Forest Service Cabin Rental fee proposals in Arizona. During the teleconference, the REA Group will determine whether the fee proposals for Kent Springs and Hull cabins are ready to be considered by the Bureau of Land Management’s Recreation Resource Advisory Council at the March 18, 2010 meeting. The teleconference call is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and is open to the public. People wishing to participate in the call to provide their comments on the fee proposals may do so by going to the Santa Catalina Ranger District, 5700 N. Sabino Canyon Road, Tucson, Arizona. A conference room will be available for the public to listen and participate in the REA teleconference.

In summary, the Coronado National Forest will soon be completing renovation of the Kent Springs cabin located in Madera Canyon, 15 miles southeast of Green Valley, Arizona. The Forest is proposing to make this property available to the public as an overnight rental for \$150 per night. The Kent Springs Cabin with its six rooms can accommodate up to eight people. The house contains two bedrooms (one with a full size bed, the second with a set of bunk beds), one full bathroom, two living rooms (each with a futon couch), a fully-equipped kitchen and a large outdoor deck.

In addition, the Kaibab National Forest proposes to begin charging a new fee for the daily rental of Hull Cabin, located one mile south of the Grand Canyon on the Tusayan Ranger District. The new fee will consist of a summer rate of \$110.00 per day without water/\$140.00 per day with water, and a winter rate of \$75.00 per day without water. Hull Cabin is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest surviving historic cabin near the Grand Canyon’s south rim. Initially the cabin will be available for overnight use with a maximum capacity of six people. Management of the cabin may expand to include use as a group site and/or development of equestrian facilities.

More detailed information on the Kent Springs and Hull cabin rental fee proposals is posted at the following link -

www.blm.gov/az/st/en/res/rac/recreation_rac/rrac_proposals.html

As required by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, the BLM Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has been authorized to serve as the Recreation Resource Advisory Council to review and provide advice on all recreation fee proposals for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service recreation sites in Arizona. The REA Working Group is a subcommittee of the Recreation Resource Advisory Council.

For additional information on the teleconference, fee proposal web documentation and/or the next RAC/RRAC meeting on March 18, please contact Deborah Stevens in the BLM office at (602) 417-9504.