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MARSHALL GULCH ROAD TO CLOSE FOR REPAIRS

Closure October 5, to Reopen in Spring 2010

TUCSON, AZ (October 1, 2009) – The road into Marshall Gulch (on Mt. Lemmon) and the adjacent creekbed, will be closed for road repair work starting October 5th. The road is expected to be reopened in the spring of 2010.

The repair work involves placement of riprap erosion protection and roadway width restoration to the portion of Marshall Gulch road that was damaged by floods resulting from the Aspen Fire and subsequent flows. It is anticipated the work will take two months to complete.

The closure, to protect public safety, will cover approximately ¼ mile of the roadway and creek just below the gate at the mouth of the gulch. During the closure, access to Marshall Gulch Picnic Area is possible and permissible through use of the hiking trail system. Visitors must access and exit the area via the hiking trails.

The road into Marshall Gulch is seasonally closed for the winter months, and will reopen in the spring. For further information, the public may call the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at (520) 749-8700. The center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays.