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**Pleasant Valley Ranger District needs your input by May 25, 2007:
recreation use fees at Haigler Canyon Recreation Area.**

The Pleasant Valley Ranger District needs your input by May 25, 2007, regarding fees at Haigler Canyon Recreation Area. The Recreation Enhancement Act of 2005 (REA) took the place of the fee demonstration programs that have been in place at some recreation sites since 1997.

Haigler Canyon Recreation Area was funded in 2006 for the Capital Improvement Program and is undergoing construction to remove facilities out of the stream bottom and riparian areas adjacent to the stream. Access to fishing is not hindered. Two campgrounds with fourteen campsites and two day-use sites are being constructed for about \$560,000. The overnight sites will have fire rings, picnic tables, grills, bear-proof trash receptacles, and bathrooms. The day-use sites will have the same facilities, but no fire rings. A campground host will be hired to assist in managing the area during the summer months. Another \$50,000 is being spent on upgrading the Haigler Creek crossing. This will provide a raised surface for vehicles fording the stream during normal flows to reduce sediment and introduction of oils in the stream.

The Tonto National Forest plans to charge fees for camping and for use of the day-use sites. The Tonto National Forest has implemented the Tonto Pass program that charges \$6 per vehicle at over 50 sites on the forest. The Tonto Pass can be purchased as an annual pass for \$80 or as individual day passes good for 24-hour periods. Substantial discounts are available for seniors and for disabled individuals.

Fees being considered for the Haigler Canyon Recreation Area:

\$6 for overnight camping per vehicle

\$6 for day-use per vehicle

We ask that you provide us your thoughts on the charges and any suggested variation in the fees.

Please submit your comments to Dave Frew, Recreation Manager, at the district address or call 928-462-4300. Written comments are preferred and can be dropped off at the ranger station or emailed to dfrew@fs.fed.us. You must provide your name and address as this will be a public record.