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**Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area**

INCLUDES MT. CHARLESTON AREA

**4701 North Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89130**

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Popular Picnic Area Proposal out for Comment

Las Vegas, Nevada...The Cathedral Rock Picnic Area in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area may receive a new facelift this fall. The current picnic site reconstruction proposal includes new picnic tables, additional parking spaces, new restrooms, and nature trails.

A report explaining the potential social and environmental effects of the picnic area reconstruction is available for public review online or at the Forest Service office in Las Vegas. The public has until May 6, 2009, to submit any comments or concerns they may have about the project.

“Public comments will help me decide whether to move forward with the project and which of the alternatives to implement,” said Deputy Forest Supervisor, Stephanie Phillips. “The Forest Service wants to provide facilities that meet the growing needs of our community,” Phillips continued.

If the project moves forward as it is written, the picnic area will be closed from November 2009 to April 2011. Other picnic sites, including Sawmill, Old Mill, Deer Creek, and Foxtail, will remain open during the reconstruction. Lower Cathedral Rock Trailhead and parking along State Highway 157 will also remain open so that visitors may still access the trails.

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