Coconino National Forest Implements Interim Changes in the Red Rock Pass Area

Sedona, AZ – Pending implementation of changes to the Red Rock Pass Program, the Forest Service will not enforce recreation fees at some remote locations.

This interim action is in response to a recent court ruling, which dismissed a citation for failure to have a Red Rock Pass at a remote location. To address the court ruling in the long run, the Forest Service will work with the public and the Arizona BLM Resource Advisory Council to determine appropriate changes to the Red Rock Pass Program. During the winter, the Forest Service will be seeking public comment on the Red Rock Pass Program, which will be considered in development of a proposal to revise the program. The Forest Service anticipates submitting a proposal to the Arizona BLM Resource Advisory Council in the spring of 2011.

Until the Red Rock Pass Program is changed, the Forest Service will enforce recreation fees at:

- Palatki, Honanki, and V Bar V Cultural Sites.
- Oak Creek Canyon.
- Sites along Highway 179 between the Village of Oak Creek and the Town of Sedona.
- Long Canyon, Boynton Canyon, Doe, Bear, and Aerie Trailheads along the paved Boynton Pass Road.
- Huckaby, Soldiers Pass, Jordan, Thunder Mountain, Broken Arrow, Cathedral, and Airport Mesa Trailheads near the Town of Sedona.

Until the Red Rock Pass Program is changed, the Forest Service will not enforce recreation fees at the following locations:

- Verde Valley School Road.
- Jacks Canyon Road.
- Forest Road 152, also known as Dry Creek Road and including the Vultee Arch Trailhead.
• Upper and Lower Red Rock Loop Roads.
• The unpaved portion of Boynton Pass Road west of Doe Trailhead.
• The unpaved portion of Schnebly Hill Road, north of Huckaby Trailhead.

The Red Rock Pass Program provides unique recreation opportunities for millions of visitors every year. Ninety-five percent of Red Rock Pass revenue is invested locally to benefit residents and visitors. Natural resource protection and continued public service are highly dependent upon this revenue, given high recreation use within Red Rock Country.

For more information or to comment about the program, go to www.coconinoforest.com. Public meetings will be scheduled in the near future to allow for public comment. Written comments can also be submitted to the Red Rock Ranger District at P.O. Box 20429, Sedona, AZ 86341

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