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Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District
P.O. Drawer 429
Pecos, New Mexico 87552
505-757-6121

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DEAR INTERESTED CITIZEN:

The Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest, is proposing to construct an extended family campground in Cow Creek. This would include five (5) sites for camping and two (2) sites for day use fishing.

The Cow Creek Recreation Area Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for your review. Copies can be obtained either by downloading from the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/projects/projects/CowCreek.htm or by request from the Pecos District Office, at the letterhead address.

The comment period ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in the *Albuquerque Journal* newspaper. The EA evaluates three management alternatives and at this time, Alternative B is my preferred alternative. The analysis shows that this alternative would improve water quality over the existing conditions while continuing to provide a rustic, moderately developed camping experience. This alternative is consistent with the Santa Fe National Forest Plan for the affected Management Area. To assist us in understanding your concerns, we ask that you provide the following information when submitting comments:

1. Name, address, and (if possible) telephone number;
2. Title of the document on which the comments are being submitted; and
3. Specific facts or comments, along with the supporting reasons that the District Ranger should consider in reaching a decision.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses, will be part of the public record and available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will also be considered along with the other comments; however, those submitting comments anonymously will not have standing to appeal the final decision (36 CFR 215).

Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html) to comments-southwest-santafe-pecos-lasvegas@fs.fed.us.



Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Comments must be submitted to John Buehler at the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, 505-757-6121; FAX: 505-757-2737 or write to us at:

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Attention: John Buehler
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Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. To be eligible for appeal, each individual or representative from each organization submitting substantive comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Any additional information can be obtained from the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District. Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph G. Reddan

JOSEPH G. REDDAN
District Ranger