

**2008 - 2011 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS
PUBLIC LAW 110-343
TITLE II PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM
USDA FOREST SERVICE**

Name of Resource Advisory Committee:
Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):
Funding Fiscal Year(s):

2. Project Name: Cave Creek Visitor Information Center	3a. State: Arizona 3b. County(s): Cochise
4. Project Submitted By: William A Edwards	5. Date: December 14, 2010
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8. Project Location: Cave Creek Ranger Station, Chiricahua Mountains	
a. National Forest(s): Coronado NF	b. Forest Service District: Douglas RD
c. Location (Township-Range-Section) T. 17 S., R. 31 E., Sect. 34, G&SRBM	

9. Project Goals and Objectives: Provide quality visitor information and education services, maintain the historic ranger station, improve forest visitor experience, increase ecotourism opportunities for the local economy.

10. Project Description:

a. Brief: (*in one sentence*) Staff the Cave Creek Visitor Information Center (VIC) 7 days per week, April – September.

b. Detailed: The Cave Creek Visitor Information Center is located in the historic Cave Creek Ranger Station in the Chiricahua Mountains near the town of Portal, AZ. In 1995, it was restored through a cooperative partnership with the Rincon Rotary Club, and several local volunteers. Since that time, it has been intermittently staffed with part-time seasonal employees or volunteers. A recurring request from forest visitors and community members is regular, dependable staffing of the VIC during the prime visitation period from April – September. Local businesses repeatedly state that their business is markedly improved when the VIC is open, when visitors can have a more comfortable and informed experience in the canyon. Based on this feedback, it is our desire to staff the VIC 7 days per week, April-September. This service will provide quality public information and education about the unique natural and cultural resources of Cave Creek Canyon and the Chiricahua Mountains, improving the visitors’ experience. Additionally, this action will increase ecotourism opportunities for the local community, and provide staffing to adequately maintain the historic ranger station and associated facilities.

11. Types of Lands Involved?

State/Private/Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes X <input type="checkbox"/> No Land Status: US Forest Service Administrative Site
If Yes, specify:

12. How does the proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? (Check at least 1)
X <input type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health.
<input type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality

13. Project Type	
a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration
X <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Maintenance of historic Ranger Station	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds
<input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Implement CWPP Project	X <input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify): Public Education
b. Primary Purpose (select only 1): Public Education & Information	

14. Identify What the Project Will Accomplish
Miles of road maintained:
Miles of road decommissioned/obliterated:
Number of structures maintained/improved: 6
Acres of soil productivity improved:
Miles of stream/river restored/improved:
Miles of fish habitat restored/improved:
Acres of native species reestablished:
Acres of hazardous fuel treatment
Miles of trail maintained:
Miles of trial obliterated:

Acres of forest health improved (including fuels reduction):
Acres of rangeland improved:
Acres of wildlife habitat restored/improved:
Acres of noxious weeds controlled:
Timber volume generated (mbf):
Jobs generated in full time equivalents (FTE) to nearest tenth. One FTE is 52 forty hour weeks: 2
People reached (for environmental education projects/fire prevention): #####
Direct economic activity benefit: Increase ecotourism for community
Other:

15. Estimated Project Start Date:	16. Estimated Project Completion Date:
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17. List known partnerships or collaborative opportunities.

18. Identify benefits to communities.

19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?

20. What is the Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment? (check at least 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Americorps	<input type="checkbox"/> YCC/CCC Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Corps	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Merchantable Timber Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber? Yes No

22. Anticipated Project Costs
a. Title II Funds Requested: \$22,000 for 2 years = \$44,000
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

23. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding: Fund raising efforts by the Friends of Cave Creek and other partner groups

24. Monitoring Plan (provide as attachment)

- a. Provide a plan that describes your process for tracking and explaining the effects of this project on your environmental and community goals outlined above.
- b. Identify who will conduct the monitoring:

c. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Worksheet 1, Item k):

25. Identify remedies for failure to comply with the terms of the agreement.

If project cannot be completed under the terms of this agreement:

Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.

Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Chairperson

Resource Advisory Committee

Project Approved By:

/s/ (INSERT Signature)

Forest Supervisor

National Forest

Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

Worksheet 1

Please submit this worksheet with your proposal

Item	Column A Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution	Column B Requested Title II Contribution	Column C Other Contributions	Column D Total Available Funds
a. Field Work & Site Surveys				
b. NEPA/CEQA				
c. ESA Consultation				
d. Permit Acquisition				
e. Project Design & Engineering				
f. Contract/Grant Preparation				
g. Contract/Grant Administration				
h. Contract/Grant Cost				
i. Salaries	35,000	44,000		
j. Materials & Supplies	15,000			
k. Monitoring	2,000			
l. Other				
1.				
2, Partner Indirect Cost				
m. Project Sub-Total				
n. FS Indirect Costs				
Total Cost Estimate	42,000	44,000		

NOTES:

- a. Pre-NEPA Costs
- g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.
- i. Cost of implementing project
- l. Examples include overhead charges from other partners, vehicles, equipment rentals, travel, etc.
- n. Forest Service indirect costs, including contracting/grant officer costs if needed.

Monitoring Plan:

Visitor use logs are maintained when the Visitor Information Center is open. By staffing the VIC for longer periods every season, visitor use will increase; more public education, information, and outreach will be conducted. Visitor use records will be compared with past years to account for the effectiveness of increased staffing in relation to visitor use. These annual reviews will be made by the district developed recreation manager.

Monitoring the maintenance efforts will be conducted through annual facilities evaluations and safety inspections. Reducing the deferred maintenance expenses of facilities is a significant effort annually. Addressing small problems before they become big ones is critical to fiscal responsibility, but can only be done when people are present to notice and address the issues promptly.