Name of Resource Advisory Committee:

Project Number (Assigned by Designated Federal Official):

Funding Fiscal Year(s):

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<td>6. Contact Phone Number: 520-364-6811</td>
<td>7. Contact E-mail: <a href="mailto:waedwards@fs.fed.us">waedwards@fs.fed.us</a></td>
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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? □ Yes  □ 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)**

- [ ] Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- [ ] Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.
- [ ] Restores and improves land health.
- [ ] Restores water quality

**13. Project Type**

a. Check all that apply: (check at least 1)

- [ ] Road Maintenance
- [ ] Road Decommission/Obliteration
- [ ] Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): Maintenance of historic Ranger Station
- [ ] Trail Maintenance
- [ ] Trail Obliteration
- [ ] Soil Productivity Improvement
- [ ] Watershed Restoration & Maintenance
- [ ] Fish Habitat Restoration
- [ ] Reestablish Native Species
- [ ] Implement CWPP Project
- [ ] Forest Health Improvement
- [ ] Wildlife Habitat Restoration
- [ ] Control of Noxious Weeds
- [ ] Fuels Management/Fire Prevention
- [ ] 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 trail 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:**

**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)**

- [ ] Contract
- [ ] Federal Workforce
- [ ] County Workforce
- [ ] Volunteers
- [ ] Grant
- [ ] Agreement
- [ ] Americorps
- [ ] YCC/CCC Crews
- [ ] Job Corps
- [ ] Stewardship Contract
- [ ] Merchantable Timber Pilot
- [ ] Other (specify):

**21. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Timber?**

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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? [x] Yes  [ ] 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:
X □ Unused funds will be returned to the RAC account.
□ Other, please explain:

Project Recommended By:  Project Approved By:
/s/ (INSERT Signature)  /s/ (INSERT Signature)
Chairperson  Forest Supervisor
Resource Advisory Committee  National Forest
### Project Cost Analysis Worksheet

**Worksheet 1**

*Please submit this worksheet with your proposal*

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**NOTES:**

- **a. Pre-NEPA Costs**
- **g. Includes Contracting/Grant Officer Representative (COR) costs. Excludes Contracting/Grant Officer costs.**
- **i. Cost of implementing project**
- **1. 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. Thes 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.