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Entry form for the Mt. Lemmon Annual 4th of July Parade


Friday, July 4th, 1997 PARADE BEGINS AT 12 NOON**Name :** _____**Name of Group:** _____**Address:** _____**Phone :** _____ **Number of people in group:** _____**Category:** () Original () Patriotic () Humorous**Please give some information about your entry to be read by the announcer:**

This is an invitation for you or your group to join us on cool Mt. Lemmon for the Annual 4th of July Parade. Please remit this form to : Fran Zimmerman, PO Box 1, Mt. Lemmon, 85619 or Fax to 576-1300 by June 30th if possible. For more info call Fran or Dani @ 576-1333, Mt. Lemmon Realty

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9 AM**

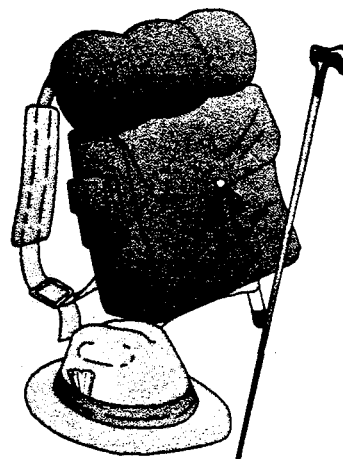
The Arizona State Land Department has re-scheduled a tree clinic at the Fire Station on Saturday, July 12th at 9:00 AM. Why should you go? Entomologists, forest service, State Land & Chief Roads will speak during the 3 hour clinic and then you will take a short field trip to see what diseased trees look like. You won't have to travel far to see diseased trees - they are right here in our own back yards! Wear comfortable shoes for the field trip. The whole clinic is designed to educate the homeowner about the trees on their property. Topics will include tree health, bug infestation, volume of trees per property area, thinning, etc. Mark your calendars and call the Mt. Lemmon Fire station at 576-1201 to confirm. This class should provide great information for property owners who care about their environment and want to preserve it.



Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Saturday Morning

TAKE A HIKE - literally!
Hikes start at 8 AM in front of
the post office on Saturday
mornings- everyone welcome!

Hope to see you there.



Saturday Morning Kids Club

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Stories, games, arts and crafts, nature walks,
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Time: Saturday 10 AM -Noon
June 7,14,21, 28, July 12, 19, 26

Place: Pace's Cabin 12912 Tucson Ave. Look for
sign and arrow off main road entering town - just
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Please note: Parents are welcome. Children
should have : *(1) Name tag with full name and age
clearly written *(2) bring crayons or coloring pens
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This activity is sponsored by the Mt. Lemmon
Woman's Club Questions? Call Olga Pace 577-
1993 (Tucson) or 576-1420 (Mt. Lemmon)

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\$5 USER FEE UPDATE

Santa Catalina Fee Demonstration Project Update:

The contract for installation of the fee collection station and associated signs is proceeding. Implementation is still expected by late July. As we have been working on the final details we have made the decision to go along with some of the suggestions made by businesses and residents on the mountain at least for initial implementation. The most significant change involves the signing and our expectations of vehicles approaching the fee station. Previously we had anticipated having all vehicles with passes in the "bypass" lane on the left and all other vehicles stopping at the fee station in the right lane. If a vehicle was proceeding directly to Summerhaven or residences and not using any national forest land off of the highway, the plan was to wave the driver through without a fee.

In the interest of simplicity of pass issuance and of keeping the line at the fee station as short as possible an alternative approach will be tested. Our plan is to have a sign which indicates that "thru-traffic to Summerhaven" or "vehicles with passes" will bypass in the left lane. This also holds for residents (and their guests) outside of Summerhaven but the sign will not be that specific. Through mailings and media releases, all residents will be aware of the policy.

This strategy will no longer require residents or business owners and employees to obtain special passes. You will simply

drive through in the left lane. Of course, if you are recreating on national forest land you would be expected to purchase a pass to do so. This alternative system has many benefits and I expect is a welcome change for many of you. However, please understand that it comes with challenges. The responsibility for enforcement at recreation sites and trailheads is greatly increased with this approach. We would hope that most recreationists will be honest and purchase a pass but we acknowledge that many will use the bypass lane and test the system. We will therefore need to be more aggressive in our enforcement than was originally anticipated.

This change will necessitate a number of self-service fee stations on the mountain. At some point we may also explore having them for sale at businesses in Summerhaven if the merchants are willing to participate in exchange for a sales commission. Nothing firm has been decided at this time. This will not be included in the initial implementation. We will be carefully monitoring the success of the program including the level of compliance and expenses of enforcement. Throughout the life of the trial demonstration project (approved by Congress through September 30, 1999) we may alter the system if deemed necessary.

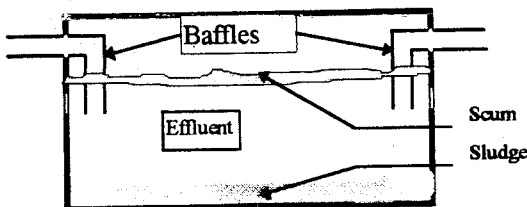
I know many of you are not thrilled about the fee demonstration program. However, please understand that we are trying to implement the will of Congress with as little disruption to businesses and residents as possible. A

minimum of 80% of the collected revenue will be retained for management and improvements in the Santa Catalina Mountains. This will benefit visitors and residents alike. Please be patient and as always, we appreciate hearing from you regarding your suggestions and concerns. Now, on a personal note, there are some who will say that I am leaving my position as district ranger of the Santa Catalina District to avoid the headaches associated with implementing the fee project(s). (See accompanying news release). This is absurd. In fact, one of my regrets in accepting the position on the Santa Fe National Forest was not being able to see this program through to a successful conclusion. I did not apply for the position on the Santa Fe. It was an opportunity offered to me which made sense for me and my family at this time. I have been here six years and have enjoyed every minute of it ok maybe not EVERY minute but most of them. The Santa Catalinas have a better highway, better recreation facilities, better managed campgrounds and picnic areas, and improved visitor information facilities than we had six years ago. I make no claim to be responsible for these improvements but I nonetheless feel good about them as the district ranger and as a taxpayer. I hope you do as well. There is much yet to be done and I believe the fee project is one means of continuing to make the mountain a better place. Please remember that more can be accomplished if problems are approached in a spirit of collaboration rather than confrontation. Thanks for your

problems such as inadequate size, baffles not working and leaks. Many of the older cabins have small, metal tanks which have rusted through and are now putting raw sewage to the ground, a big no-no. Failure of transmission lines between the house and tank or tank to leach lines is most frequently due to roots.

"Pima County Department of Environmental Quality recommends that you have your septic system inspected every 3 to 5 years."

If you have questions about your septic system, or who to contact to have it inspected, please give me a call at 576-1333. In the next Echo's, I will discuss the need and affect of putting chemicals in your septic system and dispel a few old wives tales.



Children who are seen and are not heard are up to something

Future Control Burn Update Dear Concerned Citizen:

Spencer Canyon is on the Santa Catalina Mountain Range of the Coronado National Forest. The project area is within sections 5, 6, 7, & 8 in T12S, R16E, of the Gila & Salt River Meridian. The area has dead fuel accumulations (excessive ladder & down) which increase the risk of a catastrophic wildfire to the urban interface, capital forest improvements, & ecosystem. The project proposes

to reduce standing dead & down fuel quantities to resolve this problem.

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to reduce the fire hazard of designated fuels & thus lower the risk of wildfire. A secondary benefit of the proposed action would be the enhancement of transitory forage for wildlife.

The proposed action is to remove all the standing dead or down fuel accumulations in a 160 acre area (map enclosed) to create a fire defensible space. The fuel reduction process will include telling snags less than nine (9) inches in diameter, piling the felled material and fuel concentrations, then burning the created piles & implementing an underburn.

This proposal is being developed under the current direction & guidelines of the Coronado National Forest Land & Resource Management Plan. Proposed projects will be designed to meet the following objectives:

- Enhance the defensibility of the project area

- Reduce the risk of fire damage

If you have any comments on the proposed project, please submit them in writing to this office no later than June 25, 1997. After June 25, the district plans to complete an environmental analysis of the project. Should you have any questions regarding this project or need additional information, contact Rocky M. Tow or Ted Moore at the Santa Catalina Ranger District office. They may be reached at (520) 749-8700. Sincerely, TOM QUINN District Ranger



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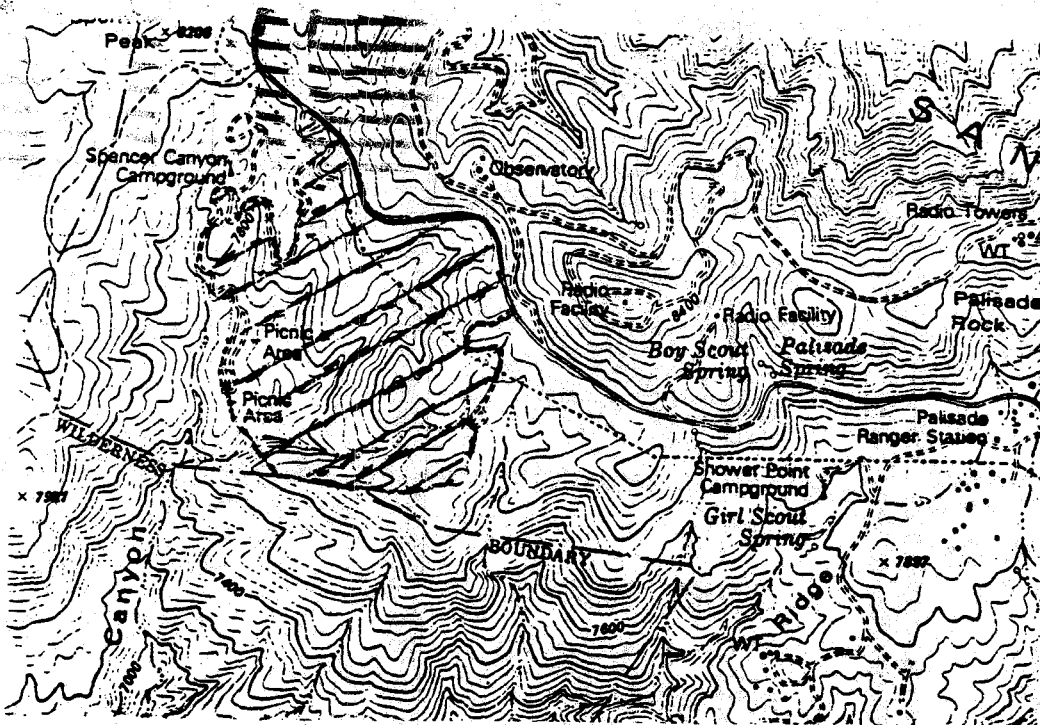
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