

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
 HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
 HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

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| <b>Project Title:</b> Pinaleno Bear-Proof Food Lockers   |   | <b>Project No.</b> |
| <b>Region/GMU:</b> Region 5/ Unit 32   | <b>HPC:</b> Tucson Chapter  |                    |
| <b>Project Type:</b> Materials Purchase - Bear Resistant Containers  |   |                    |
| <b>Project Description:</b> Provide bear-proof food lockers and garbage receptacles at 3 campgrounds on Mt. Graham including Cunningham, Riggs Lake and Arcadia Campgrounds. |   |                    |
| <b>Wildlife Species to Benefit:</b> Black Bear   |   |                    |
| <b>Possible Funding Partners:</b>  |   |                    |
| <b>Implementation Schedule:</b><br><b>Beginning:</b> May, 2011<br><b>Completed:</b> September, 2011  | <b>NEPA Compliance: (if applicable)</b><br><b>Completed:</b> Yes ___ No ___<br><b>Projected Completion Date:</b> Not Applicable |                    |

**PROJECT FUNDING**

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| <b>SBG Funds Requested:</b> \$ 4,800 |
| <b>Cost Share Funds:</b> \$ 4,850    |
| <b>Total Project Costs:</b> \$ 9,650 |

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

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| <b>Applicant:</b> Kent C. Ellett, District Ranger<br>(please print)<br><b>Telephone:</b> 928-348-1974 (office);<br>928-965-4150 (cell)   | <b>Address:</b><br>Safford Ranger District<br>711 14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite D<br>Safford AZ 85546 |
| <b>AGFD Contact and Phone No.</b> Joe Hall – 928-428-2149<br><b>(If applicant is not AGFD personnel)</b>                                 |  |
| <b>Coordinated with:</b> We've not been able to coordinate with Unit 31 WM Joe Hall yet but will keep trying and do so prior to January. | <b>Date:</b>   |
| <b>Applicant's signature:</b> /s/ <i>Kent C. Ellett</i>  | <b>Date:</b> August 31, 2010   |

WAS PROJECT PRESENTED TO THE LOCAL HPC? YES   X   NO \_\_\_

HAS PROJECT BEEN SUBMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS? No

**IF SO WAS IT FUNDED? NA**

**NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:**

Last year at least 10 bears in the State were reported to be a nuisance from breaking into cabins, or raiding people's coolers. Bear's have also been a problem on Mt. Graham due in part to the lack of bear-proof trash cans and food storage lockers.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

The objective is to provide facilities for people to store their food and to put their garbage in so that the bears can't access it. These locations are where we have had the most incidents with "problem" bears.

**PROJECT STRATEGIES:** Install 4 bear-proof food lockers and 2 garbage receptacles at 3 popular campgrounds on Mt. Graham. The food lockers would be purchased using HPC funds. The garbage receptacles would be purchased using USFS funds and the labor and materials would also be provided by the Forest Service.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Arcadia, Cunningham and Riggs Lake Campgrounds.

**LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):**

All lands are Forest System Lands owned by the US Forest Service.

**IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT? NA**

**HABITAT DESCRIPTION:**

Arcadia Campground is predominately Ponderosa Pine with a low mix of Doug fir. Cunningham and Riggs Lake are mixed wet conifer dominated by Doug fir, white fir, cork bark fir and spruce.

**ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:**

HPC Funds: 4 bear-proof double door food lockers at \$1,200 each = 4,800.

USFS Funds: 3 bear-proof garbage receptacles @ \$1,200 ea. = \$3,600.

Cement pads material = \$350.

Labor = \$900.

If prices go up at the time of ordering the Forest Service will make up the difference.

**LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:**

USFS and AGFD.

We also get a lot of requests for Eagle Scout projects and installing the bear-proof containers would be a great project.

Bill Smaltz, past President of the AZ Bear Society has also expressed interest in helping out.

**PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:**

We will monitor calls and input from the public on bear encounters. Also, our campground hosts monitor bear activities in the campgrounds.

**PROJECT MAINTENANCE:**

The bear-proof containers will become property of the US Government and thus the USFS will be responsible for their maintenance.

**PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY :**

Safford Ranger District, Coronado NF.

**WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):** NA

**TREE SHEARING (AGRA-AXE, PUSH) PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):** NA

**MAIL COMPLETED PROJECT COMPLETION FORM TO:**

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