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Spring Mountain National Recreation Area Seeks Public Input on Recreation Use in Lovell Canyon

LAS VEGAS, March 23, 2018 – The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Spring Mountains National Recreation Area is hosting two open houses to solicit input on the future of recreation use in Lovell Canyon outside of Las Vegas. Comments received from this public process will help create a long-term plan for the management of dispersed multiuse recreation for the Lovell Canyon Area.

"We want to encourage as many people to participate as possible," said Area Manager Donn Christiansen. "The information gathered from these meetings will help the U.S. Forest Service determine what types of recreation uses are appropriate in Lovell Canyon."

Two public open houses are planned for April and Forest Service recreation and resource specialists will be on hand to share information on Level Canyon's current use patterns, safety issues, and answer questions. Anyone attending the meeting will be asked to fill out a questionnaire to answer the following questions:

- What type of recreation uses do you think are appropriate in the Lovell Canyon area, and where should they occur?
- What safety or access conflicts have you seem between user groups?
- How could these conflicts be resolved (by changing location of a use, how the use occurs, or some other way)?
- If the Forest were to develop more developed recreation facilities in Lovell Canyon, what would you like to see and where (e.g. parking areas, camp grounds, picnic areas, restrooms)?

The open houses will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, April 17

U.S. Forest Service's <u>Spring Mountains National Recreation Area</u> Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130

Wednesday, April 18

Bob Ruud Community Center,

2100 E. Walt Williams Dr., Suite 100, Pahrump, Nevada, 89048

For people who cannot attend either one of the meetings, written, faxed, hand-delivered and electronic comments will be accepted until April 25, 2018.

Written comments can be faxed to 702-515-5447 or mailed to:

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Attn. Naaman Horn, Public Affairs Specialist 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130

- Hand delivered comments should be brought to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130. Office hours for submitting hand-delivered comments are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- **Electronic** comments should be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message or as an attachment in Microsoft Word, Rich Text Format (RTF), or Portable Document Format (PDF) and sent to htnfinfo@gmail.com.

For more information about the project please contact Naaman Horn, Public Affairs Specialist, at 702-515-5413, or Donn Christiansen, Area Manager, 702-515-5448.

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