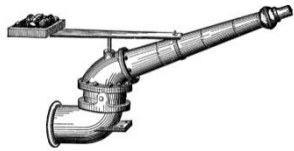
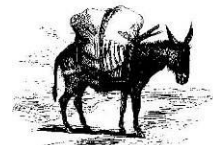


# KENTUCKY CAMP



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## November Project Week Results

By Chris Schrager and Mark Doumas

During the week of this past November 13, volunteers from Verde Valley High School, the Friends of Kentucky Camp, and Passport In Time site caretakers worked with Coronado National Forest staff on multiple repair, maintenance, and preservation projects at Kentucky Camp. We managed to complete all the planned projects and had a great time in the process. The work with the Verde Valley School went so well that we are hoping to have them back again later this year. Here are photos from the week:



Friends of Kentucky Camp volunteers were joined by a dozen students and staff from Verde Valley School. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



Rehabilitating floor boards from the Gold Processing Building. Left: Old and dusty. Right: clean, shiny and ready for another century of use. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas

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The rehabilitated floor in the Gold Processing Building. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



Chris Schrager provides safety talk before work gets underway. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



Verde Valley School students applying sacrificial mud coat to the exterior of the Gold Processing Building. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



Verde Valley School students and staff repaired several slumping sections of retaining wall. Photo courtesy of Chris Schrager



A new masonry landing for the main entrance of the Gold Processing Building. Photo courtesy of Chris Schrager



Both vault toilets had clap boards repaired and were painted. Photo courtesy of Chris Schrager



Doug Maus sands floorboards before reinstalling them in the Gold Processing Building. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



Annual Maintenance of the iris bed should result in some nice blooms in the Spring. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



One of the many grasshoppers helps himself to some coffee. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



The day's work is done. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas



A campfire helped keep us warm in the evenings. Photo courtesy of Mark Doumas

## Forest Service Fee Proposal

By Mark Doumas

The Coronado National Forest has been conducting a series of public meetings to discuss the need to address a budget shortfall for recreation sites throughout southern Arizona. Proposals include increasing site-specific user fees, closing facilities, or a combination of both.

Kentucky Camp is on the list of sites proposed for a new user fee. While Kentucky Camp does have some of the amenities allowed for charging fees under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act, ongoing site and maintenance expenses are provided predominantly by volunteers and proceeds from the Cabin Rental program. Even more concerning is that the expense of collecting fees from this remote site is likely to exceed revenues, thus compounding the budget issue.

Public meetings to discuss needs, challenges, preferred sites for fee collections, and much more will be covered at these times and locations:

- Saturday, February 24 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Murphy Wilmot Library
- Monday, February 26 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library
- Wednesday, February 28 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Sabino Canyon Visitor Center
- Saturday, March 3 from 12 - 2 p.m. at Oracle Community Center

You are invited to attend any of these meetings to learn more, and make sure your voice is heard. If you are unable to attend the meetings, learn more at the Coronado National Forest Fee Review

Website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/passes-permits/...> or

email [coronadorecreation@fs.fed.us](mailto:coronadorecreation@fs.fed.us)

One of the groups most opposed to fees on public lands is the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition. <http://www.westernslopenofee.org/>

## State Historic Preservation Officer Visits Kentucky Camp

*By Mark Doumas*

At the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference last spring, we extended an invite to tour Kentucky Camp to the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Kathryn Leonard. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, she and staff archaeologist/Forest Service liaison, Jim Cogswell made the long drive down from Phoenix.

The SHPO is part of Arizona State Parks, and was created in response to the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act. The SHPO purpose is to coordinate statewide inventory of historic properties, nominate properties to the National Register, maintain a statewide preservation plan and support statewide preservation efforts.



*Kathryn Leonard and Jim Cogswell inspecting the hydraulic monitor. Photo courtesy of John Weiss*

After lunch, we were able to fit-in a short tour of nearby Empire Ranch before Kathryn and Jim made their long drive back to Phoenix.



*Kathryn Leonard (center) and Jim Cogswell (at Kathryn's left) meeting with folks from the Forest Service and Friends of Kentucky Camp. Photo courtesy of John Weiss*

The Friends provided a site tour and picnic lunch. Kathryn and Jim were impressed and appreciative of all the work done at the site. One very tangible result of the visit was a result of Jim recommending that a metal conservator make an assessment of the iron water nozzle we rehabilitated and put on display in 2012. Jim believes there may be preservation measures we can take with the water monitor to help prolong its life. (Jim has gotten us in touch with a metal conservator since the Dec 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and we will report on results in a future newsletter.)

## Headquarters Kitchen Rehabilitation

By Mark Doumas

Q: Now that we've rehabilitated the Gold Processing Building floor, what's next?

A: The old kitchen in the Headquarters building

The Headquarters Kitchen has served as our tool and materials room for as long as I've been associated with the site. It's the place where we lock up most of our tools and materials for all the adobe, woodworking, painting and electrical projects. For security, the window openings are covered in plywood, the wooden floor is in poor shape and it's the only room in the building that hasn't been completely electrified.

We've come to the conclusion that we can whittle-down our tools and materials to fit in the newly renovated Gold Processing Building. That will make the Headquarters Kitchen available for a complete rehabilitation: electrical outlets, floor, doors and windows. We'll likely clean and paint the old wood-burning kitchen stove and put it on display in the rehabbed kitchen. (The stove is

currently in the Gold Processing Building. It is not originally from the site but is historically similar to ones that would have been in use during Kentucky Camp's mining era.

As the original kitchen for this building, this will make available a key historical aspect of the building that has not yet been available for viewing by the public.

We're not sure that we can complete all this work in 2018 but we can certainly get a great

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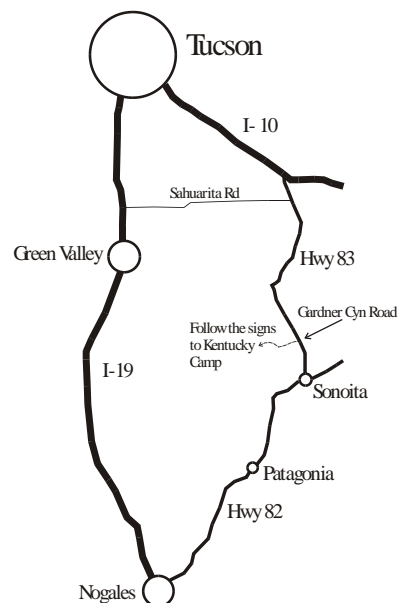
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