

**ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT–  
2009 SUMMER MEETING PROGRAM  
Payson, Arizona  
July 22-24, 2009**

THEME: ***"Lessons Learned To Mitigate Future Catastrophic Fire Impacts on Arizona Rangelands"***

WHEN: July 23-24, 2009

WHERE: Houston Mesa Horse Camp, Payson, Arizona

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In 1990, the Dude Fire was the largest wildfire in Arizona history at 24,174 acres. This 2-day summer workshop examines long-term changes in rangeland and riparian conditions resulting from the 1990 Dude Wildfire, including wildlife management issues related to the Chiricahua leopard frog, fisheries, elk, and rangeland restoration. A "Lessons Learned" session will culminate Thursday field sessions. On Friday, we will (1) visit a demonstration site of a permittee's incorporation of P-J treatments into his range management plans, and (2) participate in a demonstration/discussion with soil scientists on the applicability of Ecological Site Descriptions, a new way of understanding range site potential.

Our base camp will be at the Houston Mesa Horse Camp group site just outside (North) of Payson (see Camp Notes below for directions). We have reserved two units - Fox#1 and Fox#2, each with capacity of up to 65 people. Sites are reserved and there is no charge for attendees. The campsite is located north of Payson, off Houston Mesa Road, and about ½ mile east of Highway 87-Houston mesa Rd intersection.

### **Wednesday, July 22**

Travel to Payson and set up camp.

Board meeting 4-6 PM

Dinner (on your own) 6-7 PM

#### **Evening Program**

- 7:30pm "History of logging and grazing in the Rim Country" (Patty Henderson)
- 8:00pm "The Dude Fire – A Fire management officer's view" (Pat Velasco)

Camp social 830-10 PM featuring **Jeff Schalaus** and **"Jamming Under the Rim Band"**!

### **Thursday, July 23**

0630-0730: Breakfast

745 AM: Overview of the day's program – **Jim Sprinkle, Al Medina**

#### **Travel and Safely Tailgate**

800 - 0900: TRAVEL TO Ellison Creek (La Cienega Ranch)

0915: Welcome – Phil Daugherty (10 min)

0925: Walk to Creek

0940: Introduction - Fire Effects (Al Medina)

0945: Background/History – Steve Gunzel (Payson DR, retired)

1015: Long-term Effects on Upland Vegetation – Jackson Leonard (RMRS)

1040: Long-term Effects on Riparian Systems (Channel, Veg.) – Al Medina (RMRS)

1110: Post-fire Wildlife Management

1115: Fish - Bob Calamusso (Tonto NF)

1130: Chiricahua leopard frog - Mike Sredl (AGFD)

1145: Elk - Henry Apfel (AGFD)

**1200-100 PM: LUNCH**

1300: Travel to weeping lovegrass study site on Roberts Mesa Road

1330: ARRIVE weeping lovegrass study site

1345: Experimental treatments using forage blocks – Ray Tanner (Permittee), Jim Sprinkle (UA), Doug Tolleson (UA), Chris Thiel (USFS)

1430: Lessons learned Session – Facilitator (Al Medina)

- Forest Fire Manager - Pat Velasco, Retired FMO (5-10 min)
- Forest Soil Scientist – Norm Ambos (5-10 min)
- Landowner/Permittee - TBA (5-10 min)
- Community/Safety – Robb Beery, Bonita Creek (5-10 min)
- Community/Manager – Tommie Martin, Gila Co. Bd. Supervisors (10 min)
- Tonto National Forest Range/Wildlife – Chris Thiel/Don Luhrsen (5-10 min)
- AUDIENCE DISCUSSION 30 MIN

1545: End of program / Travel back to Horse Campground

6-7 PM: **Chuck Wagon Dinner** (Bopper catering)

7-10 PM: Entertainment by popular request - **"Jamming Under the Rim Band"**!

## **Friday, July 24**

0630-0730: Breakfast

0745: Overview of the day's program – **Chris Thiel, Don Luhrsen**

0800-0830: Travel to a Houston Mesa study sites

0845: PJ treatment demonstration – Chris Thiel, Ray Tanner

0930: Ecological Site Description demonstration – Don Luhrsen

(USFS) George Robertson, Norm Ambos, (NRCS) Steve Cassady, Dan Robinett, Scott Stratton

## **1145: END OF PROGRAM**

1200: Return to Horse Campground

## **CAMP NOTES**

Houston Mesa Horse Campground is on north Beeline Highway (AZ 260/87), about 1.9 miles from the intersection of the Beeline Highway and the Heber Highway. From this intersection proceed north on 260/87 past the traffic control circle on Tyler PkWay, then make a right turn (East) unto Houston Mesa Road about ¼ mile from the control circle, then make another right unto the Horse Campground. Select your campground unit of choice.

Additional maps are posted on <http://azrangelands.org> .

The Ramada located at the large parking lot will serve as the principal meeting place for meetings meals and social gatherings.

### Meals

Breakfast and lunches: Courtesy of ASU Range Club

Thursday Chuck-Wagon Dinner Menu:

Smothered Steak  
Beans  
Fried Potatoes  
Salad  
Biscuits  
Peach and Cherry Cobbler  
Lemonade and Iced Tea

## Hotels

A block of 20 rooms is being held until July 8, at the Best Western Payson Inn, 801 N. Beeline Highway. This hotel is located about 2.5 miles south of Houston Mesa Road. Call directly to make a reservation and ask for the **"SRM MEETING"** rates: (928)-474-3241 or 800-247-9477. Room rates are \$79.99/night for Wednesday and Thursday, and \$99.99 for Friday night.

## Other Hotels in Payson

Holiday Inn, 206 S. Beeline Highway: **1 877 865 6578**

Days Suites Payson, 301 A South Beeline Highway: 928-474-9800

Majestic Mountain inn, 602 E. Highway 260: (928) 474-0185

Super 8 Motel, 809 East Highway 260: (928) 474-5241

Budget Inn, 302 S. Beeline Highway: 928-474-2201

Paysonglo Lodge, 1005 South Beeline Highway: 800) 772-9766

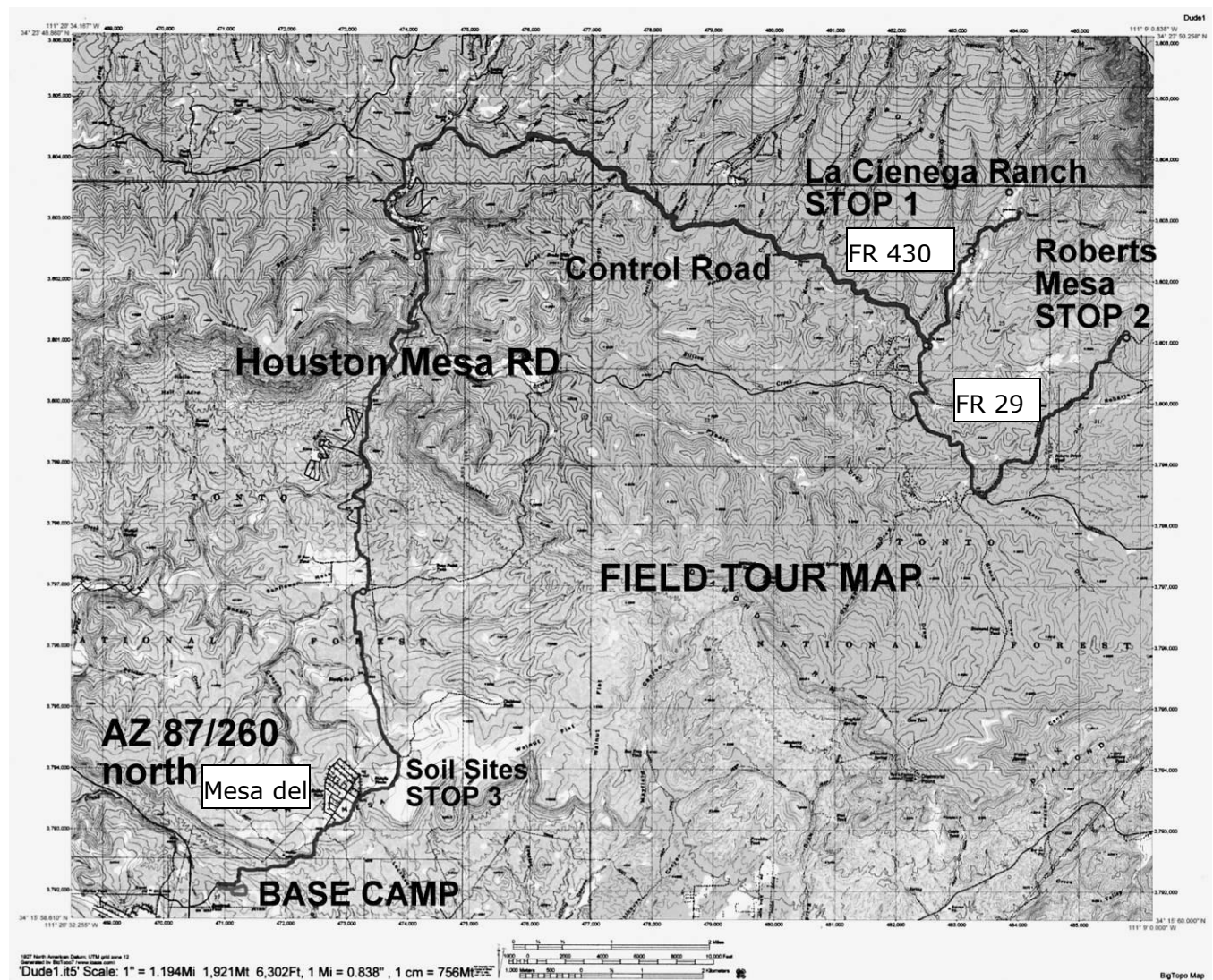
America's Best Value Inn, 811 S. beeline Highway: 928-474-2283

Matazal Hotel and Casino, 0.5 mile south of Payson on 87: (928) 474 6044

Motel 6 of Payson, Highway 87 at 101 W. Phoenix St.: 928-474-4526

## Miscellaneous

Lodging Guide: <http://www.paysonroundup.com/community/lodging/>



**ARIZONA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT  
2009 SUMMER MEETING REGISTRATION**

The Registration Form can be accessed at the Arizona Section Web Site – <http://azrangelands.org>.  
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**REGISTRATION FORM (Due July 15, 2009)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/CHILDREN/GUESTNAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU BELONG TO AN SRM SECTION?**

Circle one: Yes No Which Section? \_\_\_\_\_

\$80/member \_\_\_\_\_

\$95/non-member: \_\_\_\_\_

\$65/student/youth/spouse \_\_\_\_\_

\$100/late registration (post July 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations must be received by July 15, 2009 to guarantee meals

Registration includes: Breakfast & Lunch (7/22-24) and Cowboy Dinner (7/23).

Please indicate *if* you desire vegetarian meals. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions about the meeting/meals or membership - Contact Al Medina at**

**[almedina777@hotmail.com](mailto:almedina777@hotmail.com) or 928-853-1391.**

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MAIL THE REGISTRATION and INCLUDE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

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**MAKE PAYMENT PAYABLE TO: ARIZONA SRM (SRM TIN IS 23-7161064)**