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Informational Open House Planned Environmental Cleanup near Blowout Creek Area, Prescott National Forest

PRESCOTT, AZ (October 26, 2016) – Prescott National Forest officials are hosting an Informational Open House to share information and respond to public questions about the environmental cleanup project near Blowout Creek area located on the Verde Ranger District, Prescott, Arizona. The Open House will be held on November 3, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Mens Lounge at Clark Memorial Clubhouse located at 19 N. 9th Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

The purpose of the Informational Open House is to inform the public of environmental cleanup activities such as construction schedule and public closure areas.

Since 1952, the public has disposed of municipal, commercial, and industrial solid wastes within and around the Blowout Creek area. The public has also used the areas for dispersed target shooting activities. In a recent studies, the Forest Service documented elevated concentrations of lead and other heavy metals in the soil. The objective of the environmental cleanup is to remove and/or reduce the potential for exposure to these hazardous substances.

If you have any questions regarding the Informational Open House and/or the environmental cleanup project, please contact Thomas Palmer, East Zone Recreation Program Manager, at 928-567-1114.

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