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Historic USFS Information Center 100 Years Old

Cave Creek Canyon Ranger Station to host Centennial Celebration Event

Portal, AZ — Constructed in 1925 by the U.S. Forest Service, the Ranger Station at the mouth of Cave Creek Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains of southeast Arizona is a piece of American history that is well-loved and used by thousands of visitors and local residents each year. Operated as a USFS Visitor's Center by the non-profit conservation organization Friends of Cave Creek Canyon (FOCCC), the building has remained intact through floods, fires, and constant use throughout its 100-year existence.

To celebrate that century of Forest Service history, FOCCC and the Douglas Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest will host an outdoor public "100-Year Anniversary" event at the Cave Creek Visitor Information Center on Saturday, October 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The affair will showcase the Visitor Information Center's displays of maps, photos, videos, and extensive birding data, along with exhibits, tours, talks, live music from the past century with Tom Shields and refreshments for all.

According to FOCCC event organizer, Rene Donaldson, "There are only a few of these truly historic structures remaining on Forest Service lands, and we invite everyone to come and experience this remarkable landmark's past and its ongoing value as a community and public asset."