

Greetings

On behalf of the Coronado National Forest, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Tucson and to southeastern Arizona. We are indeed honored that you have chosen our beautiful state and our city as the site for the 15th National Cave and Karst Management Symposium. The Forest Service is equally honored to be your host for the first Symposium of the 21st Century.

Coronado National Forest is very diverse, both geographically and demographically. The Coronado includes 12 mountain ranges known as the “Sky Islands” because of their pronounced setting, rising to elevations of 10,000 feet above the desert floors. These mountains contain many caves, and most are listed as federal significant caves.

It is my hope that during your stay you will have time to visit some of our “world class” cave resources and discover that they are just as diverse in their beauty and design as the above-ground landforms that draw so many people to visit and live in Arizona.

It is my wish that you have a successful and rewarding convention. It is my pleasure to do anything I can to ensure your visit to southern Arizona and the Coronado National Forest is both informative and enjoyable.

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