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No water at Hidden Forest Cabin — Wiregrass Spring is dry

LAS VEGAS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is alerting hikers planning to visit the Hidden Forest Cabin that there is no fresh water at the cabin site; Wiregrass Spring is dry. The Hidden Forest Cabin is in the Sheep Mountain Range on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, located approximately 23 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 95.

Those hiking to the cabin are advised to pack plenty of drinking water for the nearly 12-mile trek (round trip). Hikers should not expect to find water in the spring when they reach the cabin. Failure to carry water could result in serious, potentially deadly consequences.

Wiregrass Spring also went dry in April 2010 — the only previous record of the spring drying up. The site is being checked regularly, and any change in the spring's status will be reported on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/desert/>.

Persons wishing to visit the Hidden Forest Cabin are encouraged to contact the Desert National Wildlife Refuge at 702-879-6110 for current conditions. Travelers can also stop at the visitor center for more information prior to going up the mountain. The visitor center is open Friday – Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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