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# News Release

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## **Kaibab National Forest releases story map showcasing cabin rentals**

**Williams, Ariz., Dec. 14, 2017 — For Immediate Release.** The Kaibab National Forest has released a story map that showcases historic cabins available for members of the public to rent as part of the popular “Rooms with a View” cabin rental program.

The Kaibab National Forest offers four breathtaking locations as part of the statewide program, which provides visitors to national forests in Arizona with a unique recreational opportunity to experience an overnight stay in a historic Forest Service cabin.

The [Esri Story Map](#), titled “Kaibab National Forest Historic Cabin Rentals,” is a web application that allows map products to be combined with narrative text, images and other multimedia. According to Mark Christiano, GIS coordinator for the Kaibab National Forest, it was the perfect tool to highlight the forest’s spectacular cabin site locations and make a broader audience aware of the opportunity to experience stays in these special places.

“All maps tell stories, they chronicle discovery and conquest, documenting an understanding of the patterns and interrelationships that underlie human and natural systems,” Christiano said. “But this new platform from Esri – story maps – allows us to go to the next level with our story telling. Story maps weave a narrative through photos, text and interactive maps that mash together to allow us to tell the stories of the Forest Service in a fun and interactive way. We hope this is the first of many more story maps to come from the Kaibab.”

The cabin story map can be viewed at <http://arcg.is/KNFCabinRentals> and is also available on the [Kaibab National Forest website](#). The story map takes viewers on a photo-filled tour through the forest’s four cabin locations – Jumpup Cabin and the Big Springs Cabins on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Hull Cabin on the Tusayan Ranger District, and Spring Valley Cabin on the Williams Ranger District.

The most recent addition to the Kaibab’s cabin offerings is Jumpup Cabin. Built in 1906 and situated at the mouth of Jumpup Canyon, the historic cabin offers a panoramic view of Kanab Creek Wilderness and easy access to the remote and challenging Ranger Trail #41.

The Big Springs Cabins, adjacent to the most abundant water source on the Kaibab Plateau, are about an hour drive from the Rainbow Rim Trail, a winding 18-mile hiking and mountain biking trail that offers stunning views from five scenic overlooks along the north rim of the Grand Canyon.

Hull Cabin, located just a mile south of the Grand Canyon, is the oldest surviving historic cabin near the Grand Canyon’s south rim and was built in the late 1880s as part of a sheep ranch that was later acquired by the Forest Service for use as a ranger station.

Spring Valley Cabin, a short drive from both Flagstaff and the south rim of the Grand Canyon, was the residence for rangers working at a nearby guard station, and while it is the original 1917 design, has many charming upgrades and amenities to ensure a wonderful stay.

“We have received incredible feedback from members of the public about their experiences at our historic cabins,” said Liz Schuppert, recreation, lands and minerals staff officer for the Kaibab National Forest. “These are places to which people feel connected and want to bring their children and grandchildren. And, not only can you create memories that will last a lifetime, but you can also help ensure the future preservation of these amazing sites.”

Fees charged for renting these historic sites go back to maintaining the cabins as well as to making other Forest Service cabins available to the public as part of the “Rooms with a View” cabin rental program. All reservations for cabin rentals must be made through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

Additional information on the Kaibab National Forest is available through the following resources:

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