

Tonto National Forest offers \$5,000 reward for recovery of stolen ATVs and equipment

Phoenix (January 23, 2009) -- Forest Service law enforcement officers are requesting assistance from the public in the recovery of two Polaris all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), an 18-foot cargo trailer, and assorted Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) supplies and equipment. The items were stolen the night of Tuesday, January 20, from the storage yard at the Cave Creek Ranger District administrative offices in Scottsdale.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for any information which will lead to recovery of the stolen property and or the apprehension of the persons responsible for the crime.

A detailed description of the stolen equipment:

- Two 2007 dark green Polaris Sportsman 800 ATVs
- One 2007 white Interstate 'Load-Runner' 18 foot tandem wheel cargo trailer.
- Approximately 300-400 Forest Service OHV maps, Bendix King Radio batteries, several 300-person First Aid kits, numerous Bell helmets and orange safety vests marked with "OHV AMBASSADOR" across the back

If you have any information, please contact Forest Service Special Agent Lisa Lewman at (602) 225-5309 or email: llewman@fs.fed.us

Detailed information, including a reward flyer, is posted on the Tonto National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto>