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## Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument News Release

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### GILA CLIFF DWELLINGS NATIONAL MONUMENT PLANS TO REOPEN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>

Superintendent Steve Riley announced today that Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument plans to reopen the West Fork Bridge to *foot and bicycle traffic* beginning Saturday February 13th. Until the road can be reopened to vehicle traffic, there will be **no entrance fee** for visiting the Monument.

Beginning this weekend, visitors will be permitted to cross the bridge on a pedestrian gangway and make the 3-mile roundtrip hike to the Cliff Dwellings. Visitors must park their vehicles at Woody's Corral and hike up the closed road to the trailhead. Please plan on allowing at least three hours to visit the site. The Cliff Dwellings will be staffed daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and while the gate to the Cliff Dwellings closes at 4:00 p.m., visitors have another hour in which to complete their visit. There will be no guided tours during this interim period.

Both Lower Scorpion Campground and Upper Scorpion Campground have been reopened for pack-in camping. The closest potable water can be found at either the Visitor Center or behind the well house at Woody's Corral. TJ Corral and the West Fork Trail (#151) will be accessible for those wanting to use the trailheads for wilderness travel.

Please note that the West Fork Bridge remains closed to any motorized traffic. Horses and other pack animals will not be permitted to cross the gangway, but are permitted to ford the West Fork of the Gila River.

For further information, please contact the Gila Visitor Center at (575) 536-9461.