

**Appendix G-1**  
**Hell Holes Vista**  
**Inventory**

**DEVELOPED RECREATION FACILITY INVENTORY AND ACCESSIBILITY FORM**

Name of Facility:	<b>Hell Hole Vista</b>
Type of Facility:	Day Use/Overlook
Managing Agency:	USDA Forest Service – Eldorado National Forest – Georgetown Ranger District
Date of this Inventory:	August 20, 2008
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SITE:**

Hell Hole Vista is located northwest of Hell Hole Reservoir and overlooks Hell Hole Reservoir. The vista is located along Eleven Pines Road (FR 2), about 1.7 road miles from the Hell Hole Boat Ramp. The vista area consists of a parking area, a trail, and a vista point enclosed in a masonry wall. The parking area is separated from the trail and vista by FR-2. Amenities at this site include: a single-unit, accessible pre-cast concrete toilet (CXT), a double-bin bear-proof garbage bin, a picnic table, and signage. Potable water is not available.

The vista was originally constructed in 1967 but has since been upgraded. For example, the trail (including the masonry stairs) was upgraded in 2007 and an interpretative sign was installed in the vista area in May 2009. The vista is operated and maintained by the Forest Service in part with funds provided by PCWA.

**OVERALL CONDITION OF FACILITY:**

<p><b>Condition of Facility.</b> The parking area is in poor condition. The parking area is paved but the pavement has deteriorated to base rock in parts and several potholes are present. The CXT is relatively new and in good condition. The trail includes paved pathways and landings, masonry stairs, and steel handrails. All of these components were recently upgraded and therefore are in good condition. One picnic table located along the trail is in poor condition. The vista is surrounded by a masonry wall, which is in good condition. The surface of the vista appears to have been paved or chip sealed but grasses are protruding through the pavement and overall the surface is in poor condition.</p>
<p><b>Accessibility Conditions:</b> The parking area does not include any designated handicap parking areas. The surface does not meet accessibility standards in some areas due to potholes, level changes, and poor surface conditions. The CXT in the parking area is accessible. However, the surface area surrounding the CXT is not well consolidated. The picnic table does not have sufficient clear space. The trail traverses relatively steep terrain and is not accessible due to level changes, obstacles (e.g. stairs), and excessive running and cross slopes. The vista is not accessible due to level changes and obstacles.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety Concerns:</b> No potable water.</p>
<p><b>Environmental and Cultural Concerns:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Comments:</b> According to the Forest Services 1999 Site Action Plan, “This site is not wheelchair accessible due to the rocky terrain and the steps constructed in the trail to the overlook. To make this site accessible at an easy to difficult access level would require major modifications to the site that would alter the landscape character and experience level.”</p>

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**SITE FEATURES**

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Type	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
						Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Bathroom</b>	Single-unit CXT	Near southwest end of parking area	Pre-cast concrete	Vault	Good	Y						CXT is in good condition. Entrance path to CXT is wide and clear of obstacles but surface is not firm.
<b>Garbage Containers</b>	1 (2-bin)	Adjacent to CXT.	Steel	Bear-proof 32-gallon	Good	N					X	This garbage container is in good condition but is not considered accessible due to the design of the handles.
<b>Tables</b>	1	Located along trail at the top of the ridge halfway to the overlook.	Painted wood on galvanized steel frame	Light	Poor	N	X	X	X	X	X	The table is in poor condition and should be replaced or removed. The area surrounding the table is not accessible due to rocky level changes and obstacles, including rocks and vegetation.
<b>Vista</b>	Approximately 650 square feet.	At end of trail, overlooking Hell Hole Reservoir	Combination of paved, masonry and native surface surrounded by masonry wall	Overlook	Poor to fair	N	X	X	X	X	X	The vista is located on a rocky outcrop and is not accessible due to level changes and obstacles.
<b>Masonry wall</b>	Approx. 3.75' x 1.5' x 35' (196 sq. ft.)	Surrounding vista	Rock and cement	Seawall	Good	Y						

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**PARKING, ROADWAYS and TRAVEL PATHS**

Feature	Quantity or Dimensions	Location or Description	Material	Cond	Accessibility						Comments
					Accessible (yes/no)	Needs Leveling	Obstacles present	Brush or hazard trees	Excessive Slope	Other	
<b>Pathway (Trail)</b>	Approx. 300 feet long from entrance at FR-2 to vista. Width varies from about 3-6 feet.	Connects parking area to vista.	Paved pathway with masonry stairs and paved landings.	Good	N	X	X	X	X	X	The trail traverses rocky, steep terrain. Grades exceed 8% - 10% in parts and stairs preclude access by people in wheelchairs.
<b>Masonry Steps</b>	32	Along trail between entrance and vista, and within vista.	Rock and cement	Good	N	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Handrail</b>	73 feet	Along pathway, adjacent to stairs.	Painted (green) steel	Fair to Good	Y						Handrail is in good condition, but some areas are in need of paint.
<b>Parking Area</b>	Approx. 5,000 square feet	Adjacent to picnic area.	Asphalt chip seal.	Fair to Good	Y					X	Parking area surface is in good condition. Main parking area can accommodate 6 vehicles. No trailer parking. Not striped. No designated handicap accessible parking stalls. Pathways between parking and picnic sites are not accessible.

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**SIGNAGE**

Type of Sign	Location	Qt	Material	Cond	Wording/Graphics	Remarks	Accessibility Notes
Site Identification	Adjacent to vista pathway entrance	1	Painted MDO plywood on masonry structure (double sided)	Good	Hell Hole VISTA ELDORADO <i>National Forest</i>		
Historical Marker	Adjacent to facility ID sign	1	Painted aluminum on PTDF post	Good	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HISTORY TOUR 14	Slightly faded	
Interpretive	Adjacent to vista wall	1	Steel plate (14"x32") set at angle on steel posts (35")	Good	Fire and Ice plus information on geologic history of HH Reservoir Area	New, Installed in May 2009	Route to interpretive sign is not accessible.
Part 8	Adjacent to vista parking area	1	Painted steel sign (20"x36") on steel posts	poor	WELCOME TO THE HELL HOLE RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA...	Fading, rusting. Bullet holes through sign.	Lettering too small to see from a distance (e.g., driving) but okay from near by.