



UPPER CHAVEZ RAVINE

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## OLD LODGE

The old lodge is easily the most popular feature of the park. It is rustic in character and located in an isolated and pleasant setting. The building is available for banquets and group activities. Its large kitchen and multi-purpose room makes it very popular for group functions. Because of its age, it is badly in need of foundation and structural repairs which should be sensitively handled to retain the charm of the old structure. Restrooms here appear to be adequate but could stand refurbishing. The trees in the area are mostly old Eucalyptus and appear to be in trouble, possibly due to the lack of adequate subterranean water. It may be necessary to begin a program of deep-watering to promote deep penetration. There is a small fire circle on one side of the lodge which requires some storm drain work since the pit fills with water and mud after rains and irrigation. There is a tennis court and volleyball court, both in need of repair. Many of the trees on the surrounding hillsides have died due to the interruption of ground water, but recent installation of sprinklers here should improve this situation.

Of the remaining buildings, there are a number of restrooms, out-buildings and sheds. The restrooms are for the most part poorly located from an aes-

thetic point of view and are generally not attractive. Local graffiti artists have made them even more unsightly with paint spray cans, but this can be eliminated by the use of clinging vines.

