Bisbee couple set off to travel 'Devil's Highway'



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Bisbee residents Fred and Suzi Dow pose in front of their recreational vehicle. The couple will spend the summer traveling U.S. Highway 191 from Arizona to Montana, visiting National Forest campgrounds. BISBEE — The Dows want to travel the road less traveled.

On July 15, Fred and Suzi Dow will start a border-to-border adventure, traveling the length of U.S. Highway 191, from Douglas to Morgan, Mont., visiting national forests and grasslands.

The couple's first stop will be the campgrounds on Mt. Graham in the Coronado National Forest and Roper Lake State Park, July 15-16.

"It's a beautiful country and we want to enjoy it," Suzi said. Over the last 19

years, the Dows have visited 174 national forests, developed a Web Site to serve as a guide to U.S. Forest Service campgrounds — www. ForestCamping.com — and have written e-books on the subject.

Suzi said she and Fred wanted to revisit many of the campgrounds but age and cost of gasoline forced them to narrowly define the itinerary. That's when they selected U.S. Highway 191, the former U.S. Highway 666, which had the nickname the "Devil's Highway."

"Highway 191 is the highway no one knows about," Suzi said. "Few know it goes from near the Mexico border to the Canadian border; it goes through the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Canyonlands and Arches National Parks (in Utah), the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks (in Wyoming); there are ghost towns and places where Native Americans have been for centuries. It's just an amazing stretch of highway."

The Dows anticipate spending four to six weeks making the trip, weather permitting, and will document the excursion with blog updates and photos available on the Web site and Facebook page.