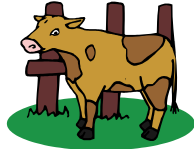




## News from the Forest Service

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### Cattle in Subdivisions



If you live in Clear Creek Pines Units 8 & 9 and Ponderosa Pines, you will notice that there are cattle in those subdivisions again. The planned grazing period for the Wilkins pasture is from June 25th to November 15th. There are a total of 100 cow/calf pairs and 6 bulls in the pasture this year.

Fisher pasture, which includes Clear Creek Pines 3 & 7, and 4, 5 & 6 will be rested this year.



### When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

As we all know the Mogollon Rim and surrounding area is known for some of the most intense lightning in the nation! We should never let our guard down during the monsoon. Here are a few tips for you to take into consideration.

- Take shelter in a vehicle or building if possible. Remember lightning follows air currents so make sure your windows are closed and do not stand or sit in front of them.
- Stay off cell phones and house phones during the storm.
- If in the woods, move to an area with shorter trees. Never take shelter under tall trees.

Just remember that an average of 62 people are killed each year by lightning. Be careful out there!

### Did you Know. . . .



That on July 7, 1958 the first development for Blue Ridge Ranger Station was started when drilling for the water well was commenced. The well was successful; a site plan was drawn up and approved by the Regional Forester later that summer. The first buildings followed in 1959. The site was originally called the Winslow Timber Camp and was operated as a summer work center for the Winslow Ranger District. The Winslow RD was created in 1957 by carving out a portion of the Long Valley Ranger District, and possibly a small portion of the Mormon Lake Ranger District, with the district office established that year in Winslow. At various times the site was also called Timber Ranger Station. When the present office at Blue Ridge was constructed in 1968, the ranger district and administrative site were renamed Blue Ridge and the Winslow office was closed. The entire site was powered by a diesel generator for the first 8-10 years! Happy Anniversary to Blue Ridge Ranger Station, my how times have changed!

## WELCOME

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District would like to welcome Shawn Martin and Darryl McComas. Shawn comes to us from southern Utah and will soon be joined by his wife and two children. He has been hired as the Districts Silviculturist. Many of you know Darryl McComas. Darryl has been hired as our District maintenance mechanic and will be working in facilities. We are happy to have both of them on board and look forward to working with them!



## Coconino NF Receives Help to Restore Wetlands on Anderson Mesa

The Arizona Wildlife Federation received a \$100,000 National Forest Foundation (NFF) grant to install wetland fencing on Coconino NF. The fencing is designed to protect and restore wetlands and grasslands on Anderson Mesa.

Anderson Mesa is located within the Coconino NF southeast of Flagstaff. Naturally formed wetlands occur along the entire length of the mesa and are important to migratory birds, elk, deer, and antelope. The new wetland fencing is designed to allow wildlife safer passage either over or under fences and restrict livestock access to a small portion of the wetlands.

Wetland fencing will increase cover for waterfowl nesting and reduce disturbance and juvenile mortality and will also improve conditions for pronghorn antelope. When nursing, pronghorn does spend more time close to permanent water sources. Since many of the wetland fences extend well beyond the waters edge, pronghorn will also benefit from an increase in fawn cover adjacent to wetlands.

In 2008, 7.8 miles of wildlife friendly fence will be installed around five wetlands on Anderson Mesa with an additional seven miles of old fencing being removed by volunteers. This is an addition to the 24 miles of wetland fencing already completed by Arizona Wildlife Federation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Forest Service and the Diablo Trust ranches. The wetland fences will allow range managers more flexibility in implementing rest-rotation grazing strategies that should provide greater diversity and overall health of the ecosystem.

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## Green Driving Tips



No matter where you live and what you drive, you can maximize every gallon of fuel. Every gallon of fuel that you don't use saves you money and helps to reduce global warming. Here are a few ideas for you:

**Regular Servicing**—By keeping your vehicle well maintained will help lead to optimum use of fuel. Be sure the air filter and fuel filter are clean, replace them if they are not. A new oxygen sensor alone can improve gas mileage by as much as 15%. Keep your tires inflated to the automaker's maximum recommended pressure, this can improve gas mileage by as much as 6%, and periodic wheel alignments can help improve fuel economy up to 10%.

**Be a Different Driver**—Change your driving style. Accelerate smoothly and gradually, drive with care and you could see as much as a 20% gain fuel economy. Skip the jackrabbit starts and sudden pedal-to-the-metal maneuvers. Anticipate stops to avoid sudden braking. Don't speed. A car or truck moving at 55 miles an hour can get about 15% better fuel economy than the same car going 65 mph.



**Plan Ahead**—Combine your errands into one trip, rather than taking multiple trips from home. Organize your stops so they're near each other. Park in one central spot and walk!

**Weather Effects**—Road and weather conditions also play a role in fuel economy. Driving into a 20-mph headwind can reduce fuel economy by as much as 6%. Driving on gravel and in slush and snow requires a bit more fuel too.

### Use your most fuel economic vehicle!

Until next month, stay dry and safe!

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