



Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino National Forest

## News from the Forest

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### Christmas Trees Available at Mogollon Rim Ranger District

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District is once again able to offer Christmas tree cutting this year. There are a total of 500 tags, and they are available on a first come first serve basis. Each tag costs \$15 and is limited to one per household.

The cutting area this year is on Dane Ridge, forest road 321C, and you may only cut Douglas and White fir within this area. With your tag you are also permitted to take an armload of green branches for decoration and also welcome to pick up pine cones.

The tags go on sale the Monday before Thanksgiving, November 24th. You may pay with either cash or check. Upon receipt of your tag you will receive a detailed map of the area. Also please be aware in the event of a strong snow storm we may have to close access to the cutting area. Merry EARLY Christmas!



### Tidbits of Information

#### **Firewood Season—**

If you have not got a start on your winter firewood supply you had better hurry up! Firewood season ends on December 14th. Heating with firewood is a great alternative to heating with gas or electricity. This day and age saves us a lot of money. Just a quick statistic for you, this summer on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District we sold over 400 Dead/Down Charge firewood permits. Lots of wood gatherers out there!

#### **Email Me—**

Once again I want to thank all of you that replied to my email request to be place on a forest service mailing list. I have received numerous thank you replies and I would say my mailing list is well over 100 people now! It is a wonderful way for our local community to keep informed about current events taking place at your local forest service office. Thank you!

#### **Summer 2008—**

It's over, wow, where did the time go!! We had a good summer, very few fires, made some good public contacts in fire prevention, and the campgrounds were BUSY every single weekend. Most of our seasonal employees are gone now and believe it or not we are already recruiting for summer positions for summer of 2009. Please feel free to call us if you are interested.

## 10 Ways to Go Green and Save Green



1. Save energy to save money.  
Unplug appliances when they are not in use.
2. Save water to save money.  
Make sure you have faucet aerator on each faucet.
3. Less gas = more money and better health.  
Consider telecommuting if you live far from town.
4. Eat smart.  
Buy locally, this helps to keep money in the local economy.
5. Skip the bottled water!  
Use a water filter to purify tap water instead of buying bottled water.
6. Think before you buy.  
Check out garage sales, thrift stores, and consignment shops.
7. Borrow instead of buying.  
Borrow from libraries instead of buying personal books, share with a friend!
8. Buy smart.  
Wear clothes that don't need to be dry-cleaned.
9. Keep electronics out of the trash!  
Donate or recycle them when the time comes.
10. Make your own cleaning supplies.  
With soda, vinegar, lemon and soap you can make very effective cleaning supplies.

## Prescribed Burning and Wildland Fire Use Fires on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District



We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your patience and understanding while we are conducting our fall prescribed burning program.

Prescribed fire and fire use fires are two different methods the forest service uses to reduce the risks and consequences associated with wild land fire within the forest and the lands adjacent to it. Prescribed fire is intentionally ignited and confined to a certain area using containment lines as the perimeter. Fire use fire is a natural caused fire, started by lightning and is also managed with containment lines. Fire use fires and prescribed fires have become a very effective tool in managing national forest lands. By reducing ground fuels such as logs, branches and years of pine needle accumulation it will reduce the intensity of a wildfire that may occur. This will allow for possible quicker and easier control of a wildfire as well as improving firefighter safety.

Unfortunately smoke is the downside to either prescribed fires, fire use fires or wildfires. We usually tend to do most of our burning in the fall when conditions are safer. The only problem with burning in the fall is the temperature inversions settle the smoke overnight.

Depending upon the weather, we are planning to continue our prescribed fire program through the month of November. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 928-477-2255.

Have a very happy and safe Thanksgiving and we will talk again next month,  
*Jean Gilbertson, Editor*

