



## News from the Forest Service

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### Happy Jack Information Center Closes

The Happy Jack Information Center first opened its doors 10 years ago, in August 1997. The center provided many services such as selling maps, issuing wood permits, they reserved campground sites, told ALL of the hunters where the elk and deer were at and answered many, many questions. The location was excellent to accommodate the needs of the public. This prompted the discussion of a new Ranger District Administrative site, which to this day is being pursued by the Regional Office. Now through October 29th the hours at the Information Center are Thursday through Monday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Unfortunately, on October 30th it will close.



Changes in budget direction mean that we have to evaluate the level of visitor services we provide along with other activities like recreation, patrols, and vegetation treatments. "Closing a visitor information location is a difficult decision, however, all of the services that the Information Center provided will still be available, only now through the Blue Ridge Ranger Station. The employees at Blue Ridge Ranger Station look forward to carrying on the proud reputation of good customer service that the Happy Jack Information Center provided and we look forward to serving you." said Mindee Roth, Mogollon Rim District Ranger.

An Information Center does not prevail unless you have employees who love the work they do and enjoy people, Suzy Lankford and her staff should be commended for a job well done. When you see these individuals be sure to say "thanks"!

If you have any questions please feel free to call Mindee Roth, District Ranger at 928-477-2255 or



### Thank You So Much!

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District takes pride in our developed recreation sites. With limited funding and personnel we maintain these sites to the best of our ability. It is always a pleasure to know there are folks out there interested in helping us with maintenance in these areas. The Elks Picnic Ground is one of these areas. The picnic area was in desperate need of some safety repair issues and the Elks Lodge No. 536 out of Winslow volunteered their time to come in and address some of these areas. They repaired the roof, painted, fixed stairs, repaired some fence line and filled in the pit to name just a few. Thank you, we appreciate you very much!!!

### Fall is Here and So are the COLORS!



Jot this number down 800-354-4595. It is the Forest Service fall color hotline and it has been up and running since September 7th! Though the use of the internet for fall color information has increased, thousands of callers continue to rely on the hotline to plan their fall color viewing on national forests. At the time that this article was edited the trees had not begun their fabulous show of colors on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District. We will be updating the hotline but you may also feel free to phone us at Blue Ridge, 928-477-2255. You don't want to miss Mother Nature's beautiful display!



## Quarterly Project Update for the Mogollon Rim Ranger District

Below is an updated list of the current projects that are occurring on the forest. The update below is specific to our area, the Mogollon Rim Ranger District. If you would like to see the projects forest wide please stop by Blue Ridge Ranger Station or go to our forest website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/projects/index.shtml>

Project Name	Project Purpose	Description	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Clint's Fuels Reduction	Fuels Reduction	Proposal to reduce fuels and manage for forest health south of Clint's Well, Experimental Forest, and areas between SR 87 & FR211.	2009		Carol Holland cjholland@fs.fed.us 928-477-2255
Upper Beaver Creek Watershed Fuels Reduction Project EA	Watershed Mgmt. Vegetation Mgmt. (other than forest products) Fuels Mgmt.	Proposal to reduce fuels and manage for forest health in the Upper Beaver Creek watershed.	Expected 01/2008	2008	Carol Holland cjholland@fs.fed.us 928-477-2255
Clear Creek Land Exchange	Land acquisition	Analysis of a proposal to exchange approximately 821 acres of non-Federal (privately-owned) lands spanning the East Clear Creek, located east of Happy Jack, AZ for approximately 500 acres of Federal land (National Forest) near Clints Well.	09/2007	2008	Peter Mourtsen pmourtsen@fs.fed.us 928-527-3414
Mogollon Rim Christmas Tree Area	Forest Products	Determine where Christmas trees may be available for harvest within mixed conifer vegetation type.	09/2007	2008	Carol Holland cjholland@fs.fed.us 928-477-2255
Pivot Rock/Hackberry Range Allotment EA	Grazing Mgmt.	Determine whether to continue to authorize livestock grazing.	02/2008	2008	Carol Holland cjholland@fs.fed.us 928-477-2255
Rock Pit Development	Special Use Mgmt. Minerals and Geology	Consider development of rock pits for mineral products.	10/2007	2008	Carol Holland cjholland@fs.fed.us 928-477-2255
Fossil Creek Range Allotment EA	Grazing Mgmt.	Determination whether to continue to authorize livestock grazing	02/2008	2008	Carol Holland cjholland @fs.fed.us 928-477-2255



*Happy Halloween, till next month, Jean Gilbertson, Editor*