



# News from the Forest Service

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*Happy Holiday's from the Employees at the Mogollon Rim Ranger District!*



## Mogollon Rim District Urban Interface Structure Inventory

Since December 1998 we have been conducting Structure surveys on the District. Our first survey was taken on December 1998, then again in December 2001, three years from the previous one. We noticed a sizeable increase in structures at which time we decided to conduct these surveys every two years, January 2003 was our next one, and now the community has grown so fast we are now conducting these surveys on a yearly basis. We find these statistics to be very interesting and they are continually proving that our Urban Interface is growing much faster than we had anticipated. Recognition should be given to Darryl Atchison for compiling this information, we hope that you find it as interesting as we do.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Structures</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Structures</i>
Blue Ridge Estates	30	Blue Ridge Fire Station	2
Blue Ridge Ranger Station	18	Camp Colley	2
Clear Creek Pines #1	55	Clear Creek Pines #2	54
Clear Creek Pines #3&7	160	Clear Creek Pines #4,5&6	178
Clear Creek Pines #8&9	351	Double Cabin Park	32
Goddard	13	Happy Jack Station	10
Happy Jack Lodge	10	Long Valley Service	22
Mogollon Ranch	35	Moqui Ranchette	2
Pine Canyon	35	Ponderosa Pines	22
Starlight Pines	348	Starlight Ranchettes	38
Stoneman Lake	67	Tameron Estates	18
Timber Ridge	0		
		<b>TOTAL: 1503</b>	

December 1998 = 1065 Structures  
 December 2001 = 1350 Structures  
 January 2003 = 1483 Structures  
 December 2004 = 1593 Structures

## Christmas Trees



We have 500 Christmas tree tags to sell "over-the-counter" this year. The first three days they were on sale the Information Center and the Blue Ridge Office sold almost 100. I am not sure how many we will have left by the time this newsletter comes out, but feel free to call our office or the Happy Jack Information Center if you have any questions. The Christmas tree location is on Hospital Ridge this year with a lot of good fir trees. The tags cost \$10 each and are non-refundable. In the event we get a big snow and are forced to close the roads and unable to plow, we do not have any substitute trees available. Please keep this in mind when you purchase your tag. The Apache Sitgreaves National Forest also has Christmas Tree permits available. The permit will allow for the removal of one tree of any species up to ten feet tall from the Alpine, Springerville and Clifton Ranger Districts. At the time of purchase the purchaser will be given a detailed map with directions to the cutting areas. Their phone numbers are as follows: Alpine R.D. 928-339-4384, Clifton R.D. 928-687-1301, Springerville R.D. 928-333-4372.

### Reminder . . . Volunteers Needed!

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District is currently seeking individuals that would be interested in volunteering at the Cinch Hook Snow Play area this winter. When we receive enough snow to warrant opening the recreation area it will be open, but open on weekends only. As many of you know this snow play area receives visitors from all over and requires management. The volunteers will be working with Forest Service employees. If you are interested please contact Rose Harley at 477-2255.



### How Would You Help Our State's Wildlife?

If you were in charge of taking care of our state's wildlife, how would you run things? Now, you have a chance to give the Arizona Game and Fish Department your opinions on everything from conserving native and endangered species to supporting outdoor recreation to educating Arizonans about our state's wildlife. Game and Fish wants to hear from everyone interested in conserving Arizona's wildlife, therefore they have set up a web site where you can take an online survey and give your input for a new 10-year Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. For more information about the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, go to the department's Web site: [azgfd.gov/cwcs](http://azgfd.gov/cwcs) or provide your opinions at the survey site. The department plans to submit Arizona's strategy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in July of next year.

### Firewood Season Ends

Just a reminder that your firewood permit expires on December 19th. Firewood season will re-open the middle of April 2005. Stay tuned, the Informant will keep you informed!

*Happy Holidays!*



I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. It is hard to believe another year is almost over! Enjoy this special time with your family and friends!

*Jean Gilbertson, Editor*