



News from the Forest Service

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The Mogollon Rim Ranger District is going to be holding an open house for those in our community. It will be on Saturday, May 31st between

10:00 am and 2:00 pm at the Starlight Pines Community Center. We will have our District Ranger, Mindee Roth there as well as several of our staff personnel, fire personnel and other folks to answer your questions about Travel Management Rule, Land Exchanges, Wildland Urban Interface, Fire Use Fires, and much more. So make a list of all of your questions and come on over and meet some of our employees. We look forward to seeing you!

Rabid Fox in Sedona Area



On April 16, 2008 a gentleman from Oregon and his wife were hiking in Boyton Canyon in Sedona when a fox approached him and bit him on the leg. The teeth of the fox became stuck in his socks, but he was able to get the fox loose with a stick. The fox returned attempting to bite him again, the man was able to step across the neck of the fox, hold the animal down, tied his legs together with a rope, and then tied him to a tree until authorities were notified. While he was being treated in Cottonwood, another man was being treated in the Sedona Medical Center for the same thing and from the same area, but this gentleman had three bites.

Here are a few things we need to be aware of:

- Several rabid fox bite incidents have recently occurred on the Coconino National Forest.
- Take notice of any strange animal behavior.
- Hike with a friend or a partner.
- Isolate the animal if possible without further encounter.
- Carry a walking stick.



Little Bly Pit

We have been noticing that people are dumping quite a bit of household trash and building materials into Little Bly Pit. We would like to reiterate that this is not permissible. Little Bly Pit may only be used to dump tree limbs, leaves/pine needles, basic lot debris, rocks and dirt. **NO HOUSEHOLD TRASH OR BUILDING DEBRIS** is allowed.

We have also been noticing that people are filling plastic bags with their lot debris, bringing them to the pit and dumping the bag and all. Please do not leave your debris in the plastic bag, dump your debris out of the bag and take the plastic bag with you.

If you have any questions as to what is allowed and not allowed in Bly Pit please feel free to call our office at 928-477-2255. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain Little Bly Pit.

Forest Service Seasonal Employee's



There is a lot of hustle and bustle at Blue Ridge and Happy Jack these days as our seasonal employee's have returned for the 2008 summer season. Our Blue Ridge hotshots have been enduring many hours of intense training along with some of our other employee's. The wildlife and recreation crews are back, and hard at it. I am sure you will see some of these people at the café, getting gas, or just out and about. Please take a moment to welcome them and thank them for the hard work that they do. We appreciate them all!



Jon Selby has Retired!

After 30 years with the forest service our Law Enforcement Officer, Jon Selby has decided to turn in his badge for retirement! It was a pleasure working with Jon and we certainly appreciate everything he did for us, to keep us all safe! We will miss you Jon and we wish you all the best in this new adventure in your life!

Firewood Season



Firewood season began on April 19th. Please remember, since the Happy Jack Information Center is closed you will need to come to Blue Ridge Ranger Station, Monday—Friday to get your wood permit. Everything is the same as it was last year and the wood permit expires on December 13th. If you have questions feel free to call us at 928-477-2255.



Going Green

We are going to feature an article relating to “Going Green” every month. With our changing environment, global warming we think that if everyone tried to change some of the old ways we do things and try energy saving, recycling, etc. we might all help to make a difference in today's environment!

This article is from Consumer Reports:

When buying a new TV energy use probably is not at the top of your list! Home heating, cooling, lighting and large appliances account for much of our energy consumption, but big screen TVs are no exception for using a high amount of energy.

Not surprisingly, bigger screens of all types consume more electricity than smaller ones. With LCD and rear-projection TVs, resolution has almost no effect on energy consumption because all pixels in the screen are illuminated by the same backlight. With plasma sets, however, 1080p models use more energy than 720p models. That’s because 1080p sets have more pixels, each of which is illuminated separately. With LCD sets, the higher the backlight setting, the more electricity used.

Even if the cost differences of a few dollars a month don’t matter much to your budget, keep in mind that the millions of TVs used in American households consume a huge amount of energy. There’s obviously an environmental advantage to using a more-efficient TV.

PRODUCT	ANNUAL COST
36-inch picture-tube	\$50
37-inch LCD	\$50
40-inch LCD	\$55
56-inch Rear Projection	\$65
42-inch plasma, 720p	\$70
50-inch plasma, 1080p	\$120
50-inch plasma, 720p	\$80



Until Next Month, Enjoy Spring! *Jean Gilbertson*, Editor