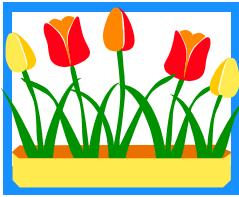




News from the Forest Service

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Firewood

Firewood season is back in full swing and you may pick up your permit at the Blue Ridge Office or the Happy Jack Information Center. Most of the regulations remain the same as they were last year. When you record the wood you get please make sure that you record the date in **INK**, **BEFORE** you begin cutting. When you have completed harvesting your wood you may then complete the block before you leave the immediate cutting area.



Spring Is Here!

Yes, spring is here and so are the spring winds that we get every year and these winds dry out the forest in a hurry! All of the forest roads are open on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District. Most of the roads are in good shape but there still may be some roads that remain muddy, please pay close attention and do not attempt to travel on these roads if possible.

Fishing Time Again!

We have had several reports of folks catching large German Brown Trout from both Knoll Lake and Blue Ridge Reservoir. The water level is up at both lakes from what it was last year. Blue Ridge Reservoir did not go over the spillway this year. I spoke with the Game and Fish Department a few days ago, they are planning to restock both Knoll Lake and Blue Ridge Reservoir sometime in May. Stocking of the lakes should continue for every other week until the water becomes stagnant. If you have any questions you may call the Flagstaff office at 774-5045. Good luck to all of you fisherman!



Campgrounds

With Spring upon us once again we are able to open some of our campgrounds. Knoll Lake opened the weekend of April 24th and Blue Ridge Campground opened the week following. Rock Crossing Campground will be closed all summer. It is getting a complete facelift and should be more accommodating upon completion. Moqui Campground will be open for group reservations only. Any questions you may contact Rose Harley at 928-477-2255.

Thank You!



On behalf of the Mogollon Rim Ranger District we would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who put together the Jim Paxon community meeting. It was very well organized and the number of people that attended was very impressive! Jim had a lot of good things to say to everyone, and we as the Forest Service feel that a lot of the homeowners up here truly benefited from his talk. If anyone would like further information pertaining to what Jim discussed please give us a call we have a lot of highly qualified employees that are more than willing to assist you. You may call the Blue Ridge District Office at 477-2255 or the Happy Jack Information Center at 477-2172.

Did you Know ?



- “Coconino” is the word the Hopi use for Havasupai and Yavapai Indians. The Coconino National Forest was so named because it is located in the central portion of Coconino County.
- The largest natural lake in Arizona, 5,000-acre Mormon Lake, once supported large tour boat operations. The lake began to dry up in the 1920s.
- Created in 1944, the Smokey Bear campaign is the longest running public service campaign in U.S. history.
- The Coconino National Forest is part of the world’s largest contiguous ponderosa pine forest.
- The five San Francisco Peaks are named Humphreys, Agassiz, Fremont, Doyle, and Schultz.
- The Coconino’s first designated wilderness area was the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.
- The ecological concept of “life-zones” was developed by C. Hart Merriam while studying the diverse vegetation of the San Francisco Peaks in the late 1800s.
- Mormon Lake received its name when Mormon settlers started a dairy operation at the lake in 1878.
- The Coconino National Forest encompasses 1,821,495 acres of public land.
- The landscape of the Coconino National Forest ranges in elevation from 2,600’ to 12,633’.

**Happy Mother’s Day to all of you
Mom’s!**

Till next month,
Jean Gilbertson, Editor