

Subject: FL Happenings for October 2017
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This sums up just how fast the year is going by! With Fall comes less activities in Forest Lakes but there is at least one more planned for you to attend in October.....

A Community Potluck on Saturday, October 21st

11:30 am at the Community Center House

Our new Coconino County District 4 Supervisor Jim Parks plans to be in Forest Lakes for the day. Let's get to know him at a "Meet and Greet and Eat"! Who can pass up a good potluck?? Bring a dish to share. Beverages and service ware will be provided. There just might be some apple cider and pumpkin pie!

Mr. Parks will also be attending the Fire District's monthly Board meeting at 10 AM. You are invited to attend the board meeting, too. They are always open to the public.

AND....The Piecemakers (quilting group) will have their drawing for this years' quilt winner. They always come up with a masterpiece. They have been selling raffle tickets all summer long. Now it's time to find who will be the lucky winner!

Green Waste Site Hours for October

Wednesdays – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Fridays – 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Saturdays – 8:30 AM to 3 PM

FLOA Volunteer of the Year for 2017!!

Every year the FLOA Board of Directors chooses a member who gives of their time and talents "above and beyond" for the benefit of the entire community, and announces their choice at the Annual Meeting, which was held on September 16th. This year's award goes to **QUENTIN TOLBY!** Here's just some of the things that Quentin takes care of behind the scenes; he scrubs the grills and checks them for readiness before every pancake breakfast, he arranges to get the eggs (120 dozen of them!) from Hickman Farms - and bring them to Forest Lakes. He "adopted" the 4 little Fir trees in the front yard of the Community Center to bring them new life. Be sure and check them out! Quentin can also be found behind the scenes of many events, doing whatever he can to make them happen.

Little Springs Project Prescribed Burn

If you recall, back in July we had a presentation by the Black Mesa Ranger District staff about the Little Springs Prescribed Burn that was going to be implemented in the Fall. This burn will be on the boundary of Forest Lakes.

We promised to send out more information as the time got closer. Here is the latest News Release on the project. We will send out notices of actual burn dates as they get scheduled.



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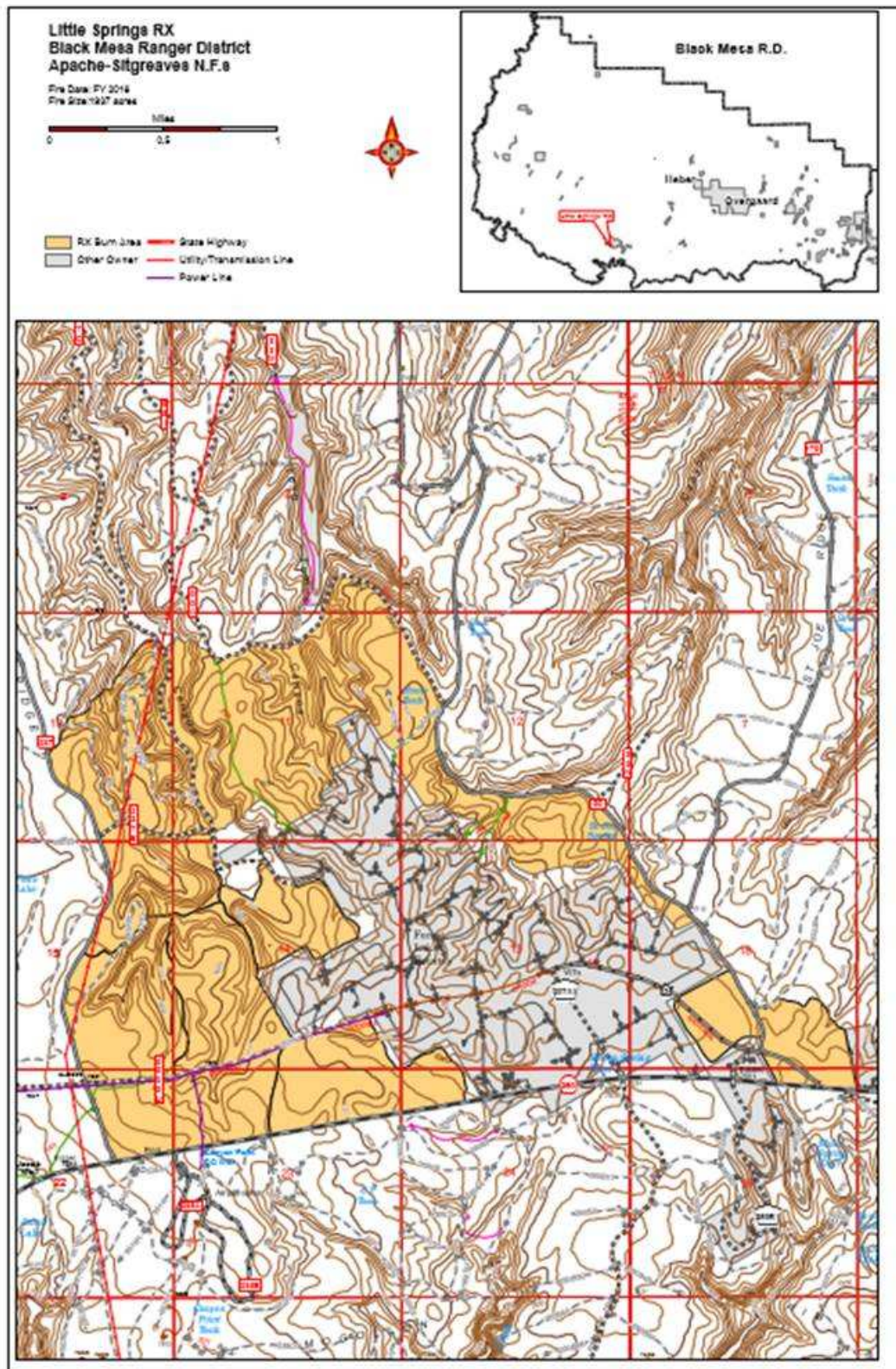
Springerville, AZ, September 29, 2017 - The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Black Mesa Ranger District plans to conduct a prescribed burn within the Little Springs Prescribed Burn area when weather conditions allow during the month of October and possibly November. This burn will be around the Forest Lakes area on the north side of Highway 260. The whole burn project will encompass about 1,900 acres.

The project will be along Forest Roads 99, 99A, 237, and Highway 260.

Prescribed burning provides many benefits and is essential to maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. This prescribed fire is a follow up to previous mechanical treatments within parts of the unit. It provides habitat diversity, recycles plant nutrients into the soil and encourages new growth for a variety of plants used by wildlife and livestock. Prescribed burning of forest ground fuels also reduces the threat of large scale wildfire impacts to private lands. This will provide protection for the adjacent private lands including the Community of Forest Lakes and the Ryan Ranch.

Crews have been working throughout the summer and will continue to prep control lines and monitor the vegetation/fuels until the decision is made to move forward with the ignition operations. Once ignition occurs, crews will be on scene from ignition until there is no longer a threat of escape from the project boundaries. Another news release will be published when conditions get closer and ignitions are more likely to occur.

For questions or concerns please contact the Black Mesa Ranger District at (928) 535-7300. Dial 311 for the Northeastern Arizona Public Information System, visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/asnf and our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs/>.



Update on the progress of the new Fire Station

From Chief Dave Rodriquez

“The building was topped out Wednesday (9/27) as the last blocks were laid on the administrative wing. Kudos to G&G Masonry! Glenn Hottman’s crews are exceptional and it shows in the quality of their work. True craftsman for sure!

Framers are on site and the crew quarters roof is on. They are now installing rafters on the administrative side. I anticipate roof framing work to be completed by early this week. Septic system has been installed and was inspected by the county last Friday.

Take a look at our website and Facebook page "Forest Lakes Fire District, AZ" for the latest pictures.

The project is running smoothly and I look forward to seeing all of you soon."

Enjoy these drone pics:



Greetings from the FLFD Legacy Committee!

We're contacting you this month with good news on several fronts!

First, hopefully you've been by the new station and have seen the tremendous progress. All the external walls have been completed, roof trusses are next and we are on track to reach our goal of being "dried in" in time for the first snow!

Second, we've discussed our \$300,000 goal. I am very pleased to announce that, due to extremely generous donations by some of our community members along with those from the recent activities held over the Labor Day weekend, we have now exceeded our goal. Let us take this opportunity to once again thank all of you for your generosity in giving to this project! We'd like to acknowledge several of our community members and organizations. First, our thanks go out to Steve and Jeanine Daniel along with all those who helped in putting together the Poker Run. It was a great success and had a record number of participants. Also thanks to John and Debbie Skeldon who held a large rummage sale specifically to benefit the new station. Finally, we thank the Forest Lakes Auxiliary for their very generous donation!

Please be aware of a new development. The Fire District's original plan for the new building was to completely build out the Equipment Bay and the Crew's Quarters but to only "shell in" the Admin Wing due primarily to cost concerns. However, with over 3 months to go this year, the great momentum shown by all of you in donating, and a much appreciated but surprise donation by G&G Masonry to donate all the concrete needed in the Admin wing, we are now moving forward with also getting it completed. We estimate that another roughly \$50,000 will be needed to complete that wing.

So if you have been holding off on donating this year or have been waiting until the end of the year to make your tax deductible donation through the Forest Lakes Auxiliary, won't you please consider proceeding at your earliest convenience so that we can finish all areas of the station simultaneously and save the District significant cost in the long run?

As we like to do, we have attached the latest list of contributors since our last posting and up through about 8/31. Please take a look and feel free to thank your neighbors who appear there. Of course, you can also review the full list of all contributors at the District's website found at www.flfdaz.com. You can also find donation forms there that you can download.

Our greatest thanks again to everyone who has participated in the historical effort for our community. We expect your Legacy to stand for decades to come!

With humble gratitude to a generous community,
The FLFD Legacy Committee

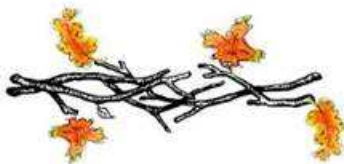
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I can smell AUTUMN dancing
in the breeze.
The sweet chill of PUMPKIN
and
crisp sunburnt LEAVES.



Happy Fall to all!

Judy