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**Subject:** FL Happenings- one more news item

I knew I was forgetting something very important!....

The Post Office is moving to the Water District building starting today, October 16th. The hours remain the same: Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm. Remember that you need to pick up mail only during those hours. The building is locked at all other times.

Any mail remaining in the boxes will be available for pick-up at the winter location.

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**Sent:** Monday, Oct 16, 2017 8:27 AM USMST

**Subject:** FL Happenings #2 for October

Happy Monday to all...we have a few news items to report this week.

### **Little Springs Prescribed Burn begins today**

The complete report on this project is in the October Happenings (10/2/17).

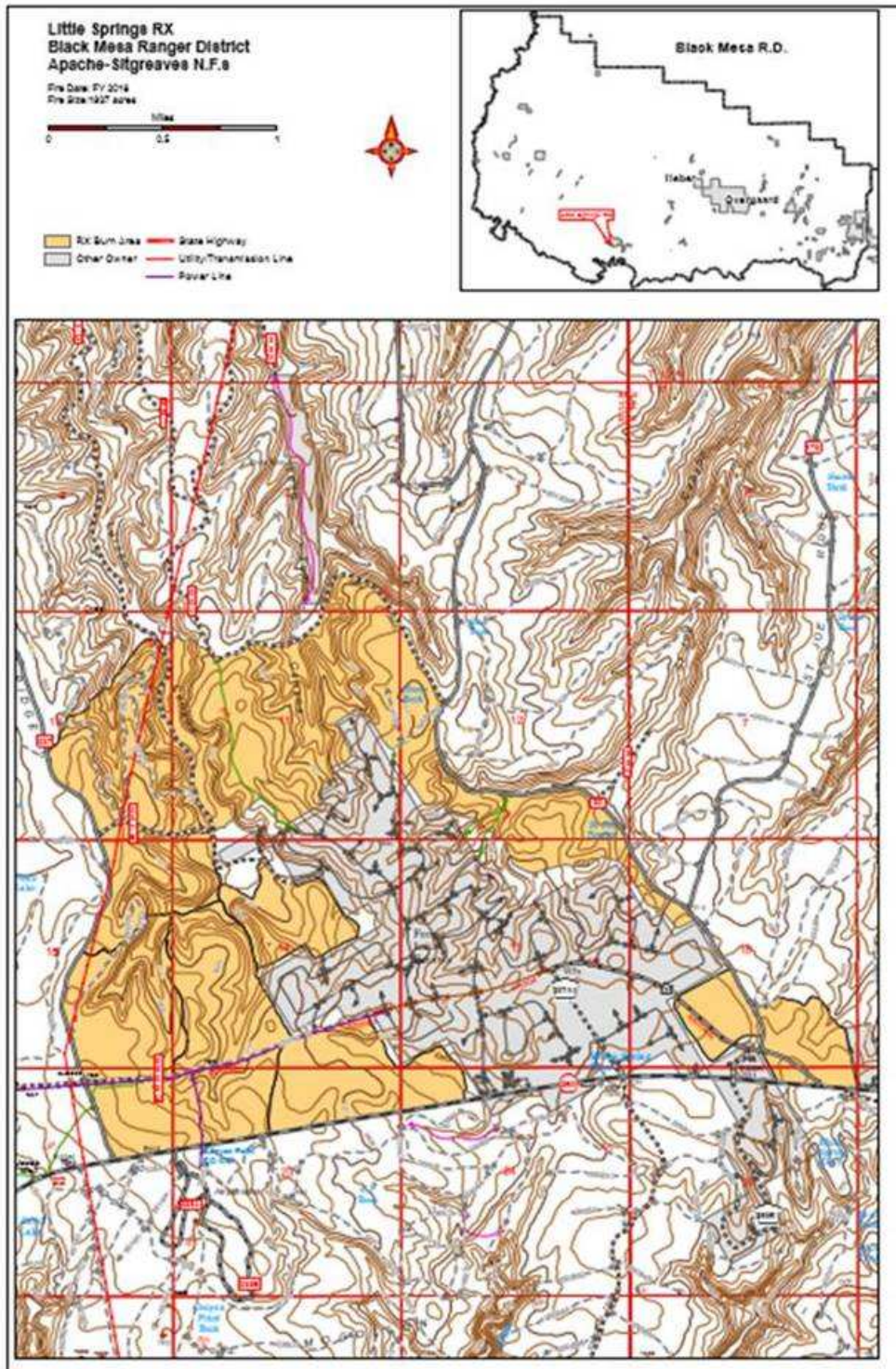
The prescribed burn will begin today, October 16 and continue throughout the week. This burn will be around the Forest Lakes area on the north side of Highway 260. The whole burn project will encompass about 1,900 acres and will take place along Forest Roads 99, 99A, 237, and Highway 260.

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.

Once ignition occurs, crews will be on scene from ignition until there is no longer a threat of escape from the project boundaries.

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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf) and our Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs/>.

Here is the map of the area that will be affected:



**Community Potluck on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

11:30 am at the Community Center House

Bring a dish to share to serve 10-12. Beverages and service ware will be provided, as well as apple cider and pumpkin pie!

Our Coconino County District 4 Supervisor Jim Parks will in Forest Lakes for the day. Let's get to know him at a "Meet and Greet and Eat"! 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 (held at the fire station). They are always open to the public.

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!

### **33 Springs Fire Report**

Due to an extended vacation, I've not been able to report as frequently and readily as I usually do when news of concern arises. I'm sure by now that you have heard about the 33 Springs fire that is actively burning in the Apache Sitgreaves Forest. Following is the latest report as of October 13<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: at no time was this fire a danger to Forest Lakes.

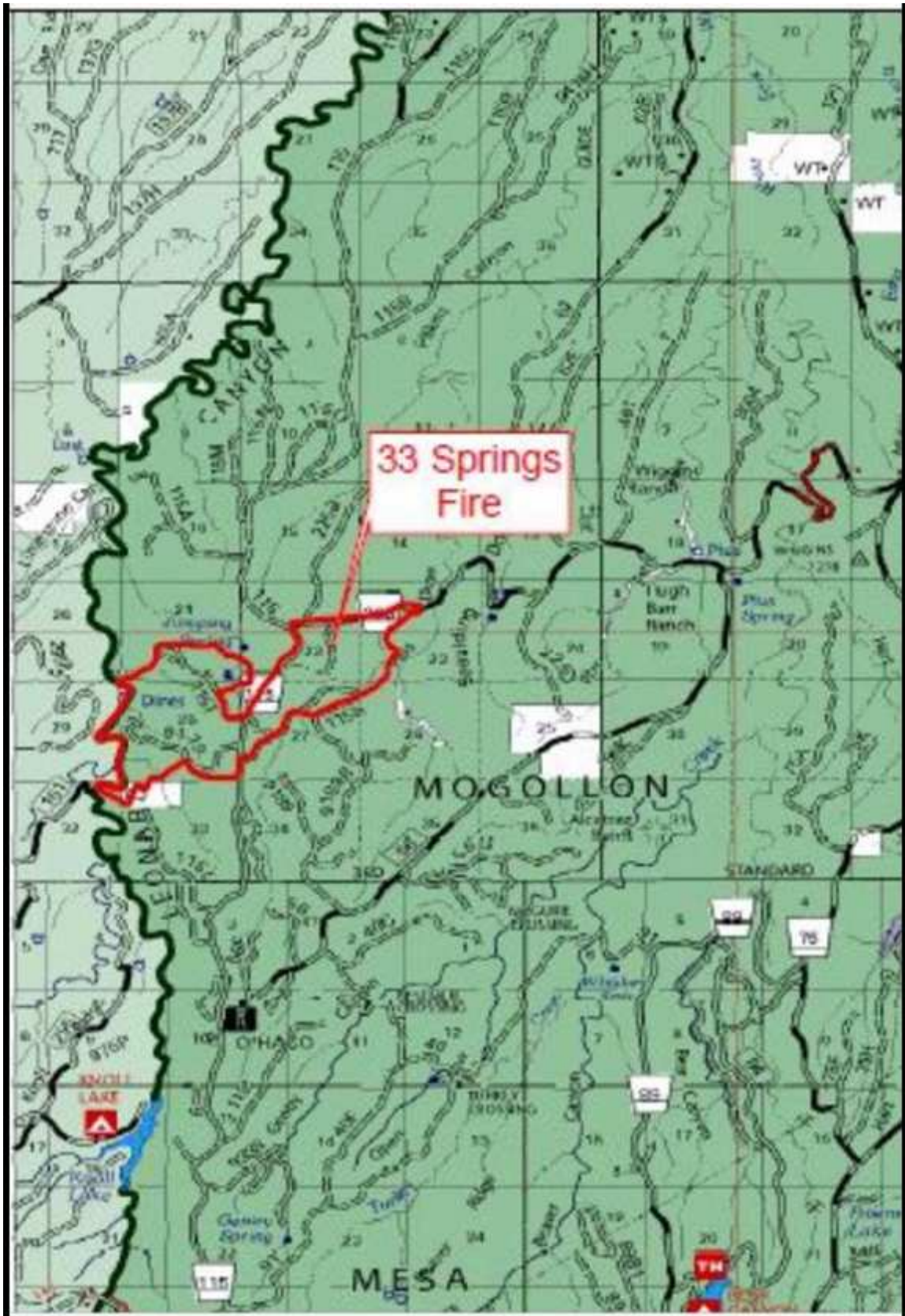
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The fire is in steep, rugged terrain in Leonard Canyon, 17 miles northwest of Forest Lakes, bordering the Coconino National Forest. Southwest winds produced strong gusty winds today but the fire lines held and there was no additional growth. Dozer lines and hand lines are complete around the perimeter of the fire, and crews continued to patrol and mop up the southern, eastern and northern flanks of the fire today.

On October 14, the 33 Springs Fire is planned to transition from a Type 3 fire to a Type 4 fire because it has become less complex and less of a threat. No changes are expected over the weekend, however, the fire will be constantly evaluated and monitored by fire personnel on the scene.

There has been no additional growth on the 33 Springs Fire. It is at 50% containment.

Map of fire:



Have a great week!. John and I will be flying home tonight after a wonderful 2-week trip through New York, Upper Peninsula of Michigan to enjoy fall color, then to Illinois to attend my 55<sup>th</sup> year class reunion and spend some time with our families. Final stretch is a late night flight tonight...there just is no place like HOME and we can't wait to get back to ours.

Judy