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The Little Springs Prescribed Burn Update

From Chief Dave Rodriquez -----

Due to 2 fires that started yesterday (Tuesday) on the Black Mesa Ranger District, today's burn on the Little Springs Project is being delayed. I am hopeful crews will be able to resume treatment of Little Springs tomorrow.

The two fires just reported are the Baca fire, located south of highway 260, east of Forest Lakes and is reported at 4 acres burning in heavy timber, and the Walnut fire, located east of Forest Lakes off the 122 road. Both fires are believed to be human caused. Both fires have taken resources from the Little Spring burn operation.

When prescribed burn continues, the crews will be concentrating on the area around the ponds on the north west end of the subdivision. After that area is completed, crews will begin introducing fire along the 99 road and head south to the highway. The Fire Management Team is monitoring weather conditions days ahead keeping firefighter safety as their number one priority followed by making sure burn conditions are optimal so that their project remains manageable and productive. They have about 500 acres left to burn and plan to finish by the end of the week.

Monday's operations...

This is Engine 623 Captain Greg Olmstead from the Black Mesa Ranger District. He is preparing dozer line using a commercial power blower removing pine needles that have contaminated the dozer line. Impressive knowing the level of detail that goes into the days leading up to the actual burn!



Justin Gabler, Fire Supervisor from the Black Mesa Ranger District attend the Community Potluck last Saturday and gave a review of the burn progress and end results on the Little Springs Controlled Burn project. He reported that a 2 year plan is in place to do a similar clearing and burning on South side.



A Note from Vern & Bob – Forest Lakes General Store

Oh my goodness.....another year is done. The store will be closing for the season on Sunday, October 29th at 4pm. We just want to extend our most heartfelt "Thanks" to all of you. From campers, to camp hosts, community members and friends, and those just passing thru. Thank you to each and every one of you for all of your business and most of all the continued kindness you have all shown us. Another special "Thank You" to the RV Parks and those in the community who brought us many yummy meals and special treats on our busy weekends and through out the summer. We definitely never went hungry. We wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the spring! - Vern & Bob

We are running clearance sales all thru this week and weekend.

Here are few of the "Happenings" from this past week-end.....

Presentations made at the FL Fire District board meeting on Saturday (10/21):

The FLFD Board of Directors and Chief Rodriguez gave recognition and appreciation to the Fire District Dispatchers for their years of faithful, professional service to our community. Dispatch functions are now being handled out of Flagstaff. Certificates of Appreciation were given to (left to right): Mary St. Germain, Lupe Everhart, Chief Rodriguez, Debbie Skeldon,

Roxie Allen (FLFD Admin.), and Susan Bragg. THANK YOU, ladies, for your many years of service and commitment to the community!



The Piecemakers presented 6 beautiful quilts to be used on the beds in the new fire station crew quarters. Presenting the quilts to Chief Rodriguez is Pat Hennessey (r.) and Patti Phillips (l.). Thank you to all of the Piecemakers ladies for your labors of love (and comfort!). The quilts were made from t-shirts that residents donated and inventory from Auxiliary sales.



Piecemakers Raffle Drawing

The Piecemakers (quilting ladies group) hold a fundraiser every year by selling raffle tickets to win a beautiful, hand-crafted quilt. The raffle was held on Saturday morning and the winner

is.....**Linda Main**, a campground host at a Woods Canyon campgrounds! Congratulations, Linda! So glad you were in the community to claim your treasure!

Drawing the winning ticket! Left to right: Chris Bennett, Auxiliary Chair, with Piecemakers members Pat Hennessey and Becky Johnson. Linda Main accepting the quilt from Pat Hennessey and Patti Phillips.



Our visit with Supervisor Jim Parks on Saturday, October 21st

Plaque Awarded by Supervisor Jim Parks, to Fire Chief David Rodriguez, for his Fire Department team's dedicated support during recent wildfires and search for an armed and dangerous fugitive, as well as Certificates of Appreciation for several other Forest Lakes Fire District personnel who volunteered during these incidents.

2nd picture: Supervisor Parks getting a tour of the new fire station, accompanied by Sheriff's Deputy McKeever, the on duty fire crew, and the FLFD Board of Directors.

Thanks for visiting Forest Lakes, Supervisor Parks. It was a great day of interacting with you and showing you around our community. Please come back anytime!



Enjoy this last week of October with the sights, smells, and sounds of falling leaves, frost on the pumpkin, trick or treats, ghosts and goblins, and pumpkin pie!

Judy