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Hi, Forest Lakes Residents and friends and family,  
It's getting to be that time of the year when E-blasts will become more frequent due to increased activity in our community. Because we no longer publish a newsletter, email is our main source of communication with you. We have many new residents and our readership grows and a BIG WELCOME to those who have recently joined us. If you have a neighbor who doesn't get the E-Blasts and Happenings, encourage them to sign up. The contact to get on the Email Distribution List is: Judy Nelson, Editor at [flnews@cox.net](mailto:flnews@cox.net).

## **FLOA News**

1. First Board and Member meeting of the 2018 season.....**this Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM at the Community Center House**. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. If you haven't yet paid your 2018 dues, you can do so at the meeting. You won't want to miss our program. Staff from the Black Mesa Ranger District will be making a presentation about the following topics:
  - A couple of new proposals have been presented to them related to food service and a new form of water (lake) based services that would be held on forest property. Since these types of proposals are new to the district, they would like input to make sure they would be in the forest's, public's, and local businesses' best interest.
  - Information regarding the Green Waste Transfer Station.
2. We are still looking for one or two "craftsy" volunteers to make event posters for FLOA events. Please contact President Wayne Rothwell (928-587-8634 or [gthrower@frontiernet.net](mailto:gthrower@frontiernet.net)) or Treasurer Judy Nelson (602-739-4369 or [judynelson44@cox.net](mailto:judynelson44@cox.net)) or see us at the April meeting.
3. The Spring Rummage Sale is only 6 weeks away. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year. Please be saving your donations for us! We cannot store any donations until mid-May, so please DO NOT drop off items. There is no place to leave them as we are in the process of constructing a new building. We'll let you know when you can bring them.
4. A SPRING HOUSE CLEANING is scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We will be doing pine needle clean-up and minor shrub removal at the FLOA (Community Center) property, deep cleaning the house, setting up the canvas awnings, and cleaning out the Q Building. Your help and volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated!
5. Our annual Blood Drive will be on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups will begin soon but mark your calendars now and plan to be a donor! We thank you in advance. More details coming soon.

### **More Board meetings this Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> .....**

The Forest Lakes Fire Auxiliary monthly meeting at 9 AM at the Fire Station

The Forest Lakes Fire District Board meeting at 10 AM at the Fire Station

The public is welcome to attend all meetings.

### **National Forest News**

Fire Restrictions go into effect today (April 18) for the Tonto National Forest, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has released information that they will be going into Stage 1 on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Because we live so close to the Tonto forest and many of us spend time in it, we are including their News Release. We will get the word out with the official notice from Apache-Sitgreaves as soon as it is released.

The following web link explains "Stage 1 & Stage 2" closures. There is technically no Stage 3, it is just considered as a complete closure.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/asnf/fire/?cid=fseprd538403>

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## **Fire Restrictions Begin on Tonto National Forest, Wednesday, April 18** *Target Shooting and Campfires Prohibited*

**PHOENIX, April 13, 2018—For Immediate Release.** Drought conditions, warm temperatures, and increasing fire danger have prompted the Tonto National Forest to implement fire restrictions on the Tonto National Forest beginning at 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Fire-causing activities will be prohibited across the entire Tonto National Forest.

Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or charcoal-burning device is prohibited. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site. Operating a chainsaw or any other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine is prohibited between 9 am to 8 pm. The discharging of firearms, air rifles or gas guns, except when engaged in a legal hunt in accordance with state, federal or tribal laws and regulations. The use of fireworks, explosives or a pyrotechnic device is always prohibited.

The use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, and heating devices are allowed, if they are equipped with a switch or attached manual device that allows the fire to be extinguished immediately. Operating a motorized vehicle on Forest Service roads is allowed as long as you park in an area devoid of all vegetation.

“We are going into restrictions earlier than normal due to the record dry winter and spring we’ve had this year. Fuel moisture and humidity levels have been decreasing steadily across the forest and the fire danger is high,” said Tonto National Forest Fire Staff Officer Don Nunley. “These precautionary measures are intended to protect forest resources and enhance our visitors’ quality recreation experiences.”

“We continue to remind the public that all fireworks are prohibited on the forest at all times and this includes the use of exploding targets,” emphasized Nunley.

**Go out and make it a great day!**

Judy Nelson, Editor