

Forest Lakes Governance and Political Structure

Forest Lakes Estates is an unincorporated subdivision within Coconino County, Arizona. There is no local town government, so we fall under the guidance and support of Coconino County. This includes planning and zoning, building codes, County ordinances, road maintenance, and a resident Sheriff's Deputy.

In addition to the property taxes that we pay to Coconino County, there are three additional special districts within Forest Lakes that levy taxes on the property owners.

- Forest Lakes Fire District is governed by a 5-member Board of Directors that is elected by the community's registered voters. FLFD provides 24/7/365 fire and emergency medical services to Forest Lakes and the surrounding area. The proposed new fire station will be funded from a combination of tax revenues, charges for emergency services, local community donations, and public/private grants.
- Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District is also governed by a 5-member Board of Directors that is elected by the public. Our award-winning water district operates several local wells and a community-wide water distribution system complete with fire hydrants and residential water meters.
- Chevelon Butte School Transportation District operates school bus services for transporting local students to schools in Heber. This district also includes the Blue Ridge / Starlight Pines community north of Payson. The 5 elected board members include representatives from both communities.

Electrical power is provided by Arizona Public Service company. Trash pickup is by Larson Waste. We have a local US Post Office substation, zip code 85931. There is no sanitary district, and no community sewer system. Each property is served by its own septic or waste treatment system. Requirements and inspections are established by the County.

Forest Lakes Estates Subdivision is all private land, but is situated within the Sitgreaves National Forest. The Black Mesa Ranger District, located in Overgaard, has jurisdiction over the National Forest in our area. Even though they do not have legal jurisdiction within the subdivision, our fire district usually follows their lead with regard to local fire restrictions.

The Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA) is a voluntary organization of community residents. It is a non-profit corporation for charitable, educational, scientific, and community welfare purposes. The mission of FLOA is (1) to inform and represent the membership in regards to community and county decisions that affect Forest Lakes; (2) to lend support to other Forest Lakes organizations, such as school district, fire district, water district, library; (3) to interact with county officials, the Forest Service, AZ Game & Fish, and others.; (4) to coordinate activities for the general benefit of the community.

The Green Waste Site located just north of the subdivision on Forest Road 99A is a good example of interagency cooperation in our area. The site is on Forest Service land, and is subject to their requirements. The permit to use the land as a green waste site is held by the Forest Lakes Owner's Association (FLOA). The day to day operation of the site is the responsibility of the fire district, under agreement with FLOA.

FLOA owns and manages the property at 1111 Merzville Rd. for use as a community center to serve all residents.

FLOA is not an "HOA" as commonly formed in other communities, as it has no required dues or levies, and has no enforcement authority regarding CC&Rs. The FLOA Board of Directors consists of 7 to 9 members who are elected by the FLOA membership.

To read the history of Forest Lakes, as well as much more information, go to www.floa.org.

Community Directory

White Mountain Passenger Lines	Shuttle to Phoenix	928 537-4539
West USA Realty John Nelson	Heber Forest Lakes	602 686-4243
Premier Choice Insurance Rim Resort Store & R. V. Park Rim Top R. V. Park Rustic Rim Hideaway Cabins Rutherford Exterminating	985 Hwy 260 3117 Hwy 260 781 Bills Loop Overgaard	480-830-1800 928 535-9682 928 535-4803 928 535-9030 928-535-3574
Massage Therapy Max Rating Electrical LLC McCormick Plumbing Mo the Draftsman Mogollon R.V. Park Monsoon Construction Cliff Schweigert Forest Lakes	1649 Quail Trail 2693 Rim Loop Heber Forest Lakes 2991 Hwy 260 1296 Sheep Springs	928 535-4271 480 748-1309 928 535-6322 480 495-0621 928 535-4113 928 535-4803
Frontier Communications Local Larson Sanitation	Show Low	800 921-8101 928 537-1611 928 536-3398
Forest Lakes Snow Removal Eddie Riddle John Skeldon Ollie Norton Forest Lakes Water District	1537 Merzville Rd	928 535-4435 928 535-9868 928 535-5045 928 535-5438
Forest Lakes Community Center Forest Lakes Fire District Forest Lakes General Store Forest Lakes Landscaping Forest Lakes Library Forest Lakes Lodge Forest Lakes Owners Association Forest Lakes Post Office Forest Lakes R. V. Resort	1111 Merzville Rd 1522 Merzville Rd 2998 Spring Loop 2143 Joe Springs 3031 Old Rim Rd. 2823 Hwy 260 1111 Merzville Rd 2998 Hwy 260 2201 Hwy 260	602 739-4369 928 535-4644 928 535-4716 928 535-3511 928 535-9125 928 535-4727 602 739-4369 928 535-4640 928 535-4437
Coconino County County Assessor General Information Jim Parks, District Supervisor Planning & Zoning Public Health Services Public Works Sheriff's Office		928 679-7977 928 679-7120 928 679-7154 928 679-8850 928 679-7272 928 679-8300 928 774-4523
(non-emergency) AZ Department of Transportation "BEAR ASS" Wood Bills Landscaping - Bill Morehead Black Mesa Ranger District Bugle's Grazing and Guzzling Chevelon Butte School	1050 Pond Circle 1289 Merzville Rd Overgaard 2893 Hwy 260 3031 Old Rim Rd	511 or 602 712-7355 928 535-3177 928 535-3793 928 535-7300 928 535-6601 928 535-4729
Action Tree Service All Terrain Custom Landscaping Awerkamp Law Office AZ Department of Public Safety	1289 Merzville Rd Mesa, Flagstaff	928-240-1401 928 595-1346 480-632-9800 928 773-3700