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BUSH FIRE UPDATE

As of Monday, June 22nd, the Bush Fire is now at 186,086 acres and is 42% contained.

From the Office of Sheriff of Gila County J. Adam Shepherd-----

For immediate release: Bush Fire Highway Closure and "Set" Notification Update.

Sheriff J. Adam Shepherd would like to release the following updated information regarding Highway closures and "Set" notifications as a result of the Bush fire.

*On June 23, 2020 at 12:00 Noon, **State Route 188 between State Route 87 South of Payson and State Route 88 at Roosevelt Dam will open to all traffic in both directions.** State Route 87 will be open in both directions however Northbound traffic will be restricted to one lane. State Route 88 access to Apache Lake will also open in both directions however Forest closures in the area will remain.*

"Set" notifications for all communities within Gila County have been lifted and should be considered in the "Ready" state of the Ready, Set, Go model.

Sheriff Shepherd would like to extend his thanks for the cooperation and patience to the motoring public affected by the recent closures.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Please NOTE that State Route 87 is still closed South of State Route 188 to Bush Highway, which means you still cannot get to the Valley by using State Route 87 all the way to Fountain Hills/Mesa.

There seems to be a lot of misinformation out there that you can now get to the Valley by driving all the way South on State Route 87. I have researched many sites to be sure what I'm publishing is correct information. I have not found anything to the contrary as of this morning. If anything changes, I'll put out another E-blast of information.

Forest Lakes was smoke-free on Monday with anticipation that it will continue to stay that way. That's some **good news!**

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COCONINO COUNTY ACTS TO REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS WHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE - THIS APPLIES TO FOREST LAKES.



Coconino County issued a proclamation on Friday, June 19th, requiring residents and visitors to wear a face covering when not able to physical distance themselves from other persons.

The proclamation, effective on Saturday, June 20 at noon, applies to all private lands in the unincorporated areas of the County. The County proclamation does not affect areas within cities or towns in the County or on federal, state or tribal lands.

“Wearing a face covering when around others is one of the single most effective ways to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community,” said Coconino County Chairwoman Liz Archuleta. “Each of us can help to prevent COVID-19 transmission by wearing a face covering when we cannot physically distance from others. Please do your part and model best practices by putting on your face covering when you are out in public and around other people. This is one thing we can do to take care of ourselves and neighbors.”

In accordance with CDC guidance, all individuals older than 2 years old must wear a face covering while within the unincorporated areas of Coconino County under the following circumstances:

When in a public indoor space if another person is present.

When in public outdoor spaces if another non-household person is less than 6 feet away.

When in the public areas of any business or government building.

When waiting in line indoors and outdoors.

Face coverings will not be required for children under the age of 2 years old, or anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Face coverings will not be required when at home, while eating or drinking, while swimming, while working alone in a workplace when six feet of physical is present, when alone in vehicle or in a vehicle with household members, or when exercising alone or with household members.

The County encourages residents and visitors to continue to follow best practices and guidance to prevent COVID-19 transmission including staying home when sick, not gathering in large numbers, maintaining physical distance of at least 6 feet apart from others and washing or sanitizing your hands frequently. Combining these practices with wearing a face covering will greatly help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

For more information or to see all current guidance on COVID-19, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/covid19 or call the Coconino County COVID-19 Information Line at 928-679-7300.



**"Scooter's" 10th Annual
Charity Ride
Saturday, July 4th, 2020**



On behalf of Scooter and Chris Bennett with co-sponsor Forest Lakes Owner's Association, please join us for "Scooter's" 10th Annual Charity Ride. This year's beneficiary will be the Forest Lakes Fire District to help purchase the Lucas chest compressor unit. Decorate your buggy or quad for the 4th of July! **MEET AT BUGLES PARKING LOT** at 7:00 a.m. for Registration. Ride will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE NEW LAW: "Any Off Road Vehicle Rider Under the Age of 18 MUST wear a DOT approved helmet – NO EXCEPTIONS!"

Due to COVID-19, no coffee or pastries will be served before the Ride.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Questions: Chris Bennett (602) 390-3960 or chrisb@msn.com or
Scooter (Scott) Bennett (602) 526-0485.

**COCONINO COUNTY
IS REQUIRING ALL
PARTICIPANTS TO WEAR
A MASK.**

**ANOTHER BENEFIT TO
WEARING A MASK IS
THAT YOU DON'T HAVE
TO EAT DIRT STIRRED UP
BY THE BUGGY IN FRONT
OF YOU!**

**COCONINO COUNTY IS
ISSUING THE PERMIT
BASED ON THIS
REQUIREMENT.**

**LET'S SHOW APPRECIATION TO THE BENNETT'S FOR PROVIDING THIS FUN EVENT FOR
US BY COMPLYING! THANK YOU!**

These Reports Just In From Our Fire Chief Dave Rodriguez:

Update on the Cell Tower

A work order has been issued for boring to bring a fiber optics line to the cell tower site. This work should be completed in the next 7 to 10 days allowing engineers to begin connecting and testing of the installed equipment. I am being informed the tower will be operational by the end of August.

NEW: Microgrid Project

Arizona Public Service [APS] and the Forest Lakes Fire District are exploring a partnership for the lease of Fire District property to build a Microgrid power system that will provide back-up power to the community in the event of a power failure. Jim Piotrowski, Director of Distributed Energy Resources Operations & Maintenance for APS presented the concept at Saturday's fire board meeting. In the event of a power outage, this Microgrid energy site would provide the entire community with power.

The fire board voted unanimously to explore the feasibility of such a partnership that would benefit the community and provide income to the district via a long term lease. The property directly behind the new fire station next to the temporary cell tower is large enough for the proposed project and is being considered. APS representatives and Chief Rodriguez will be working on preliminary site layout and design features that will minimize the impact to the surrounding neighbors. If all goes as planned, the Fire District Board of Directors will review and approve the site plan at next month's board meeting.

Project completion goal is end of 2021.

Respectfully,
Chief Rodriguez

GREEN WASTE TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Uh, oh, someone forgot that you cannot bring anything but green waste to dump at the GWTS. Please do not do this!

The chipping company is due to come and clear our site for more green waste in the next few days and things like this messes up their machinery big time. PLUS....it's not acceptable to ever "hide" trash in your loads.

Let's all do our part to comply with the rules for the benefit of everyone. Thank you!



Several years ago, one of our residents (you know who you are!) said **"there is no such thing as a square tree!"** If you remember that when loading up, we won't have pictures like this one to have to share.

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