

Forest Lakes, Arizona



Firewise Action Plan

June 2026

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Introduction

Forest Lakes is an unincorporated community that is surrounded by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. It's located in the southeastern corner of Coconino County on top of the Mogollon Rim at approximately 7,600 feet in elevation.

Before Forest Lakes became a community, the area was the site of manganese mining and timber harvesting until the mid 1960s. The area was then partitioned into 1-acre lots and sold as a summer get-away location in the cool mountain air. In 1967 the community formed the Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA), a board that addressed community wide issues. They negotiated with APS to have power run from Payson and also drilled wells and formed the initial water district and volunteer fire department.

Forest Lakes has grown to 976 1-acre lots with 908 existing dwellings. The Firewise size is based on the number of total lots, 976, because the empty lots tend to be neglected and represent a larger fire danger concern. Roughly 5% of the owners are full-time residents. Many are full-time summertime residents from May to October, with the remainder being weekend visitors from the Phoenix valley. The population of Forest Lakes is in the thousands for summertime holiday weekends, like Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day.

Forest Lakes Firewise Objectives

As a community within a forest, the main objective is to increase the probability that the community survives a wildfire that is sparked from within the community or from the surrounding national forest. The goal of this initial 3-year plan is to continue the great community fuel reduction efforts that have been ongoing for years, educate the community of what can be done to survive wildfires, and develop long term strategies to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient.

The objective areas within the plan are:

Education – Educate the owners on how to reduce their fire risk and to keep fire danger a significant item when making future changes to their property. Also educate owners on forestry health and the impact of tree density.

Home Hardening – Have the owners take what they learn about fire safety and create changes to their property that will increase fire safety, starting in the immediate zone near the house and moving further away the future years.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction – Forest Lakes has had incredible support in the past with folks removing fuel from their property. This effort is to continue this support and spread it to those who have not participated in the past.

Evaluation Planning – Educate owners on what to expect and be ready to react if the community needs to be evacuated. Developing a community-wide communication system will be a big part of this over the next three years.

Many of the trees within Forest Lakes are blackjack Ponderosas, trees that are less than 75 years old. Many were just starting to grow when the community first formed back in the late 1960s. Unfortunately, the time to have had a Firewise program would have been from the start of the community. Many owners have let all of these trees grow unchecked. Many have not thinned the trees on their property over the last 60 years and the tree density within the community is a major concern, both for fire and for the general health of the trees.

As part of the Firewise program's long-term objective is to get the tree density back to a healthy density across the community. This may also include working with DFFM and Black Mesa Ranger District to help thin the forest as a wildfire buffer while the community makes this transition. Hopefully, Forest Lakes will become the desired example of a healthy Wildland-Urban Interface community.

Forest Lakes Firewise Advisory Board

The Forest Lakes Firewise Advisory Board members are:

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Dino Cerchie and Linda Curry are also the current FLOA treasurer and secretary, respectively. Julie Swanson is the current Forest Lakes Fire District fire board chair, David Rodriguez is the Forest Lakes Fire Chief, John Nelson is the Forest Lakes Fire District's public information officer (PIO) and grant writer, and James (Jimmy) Riggs is the head of the USFS Back Mesa Ranger District. The board is a melding of the FLOA and Fire District, with a representative from the surrounding Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.

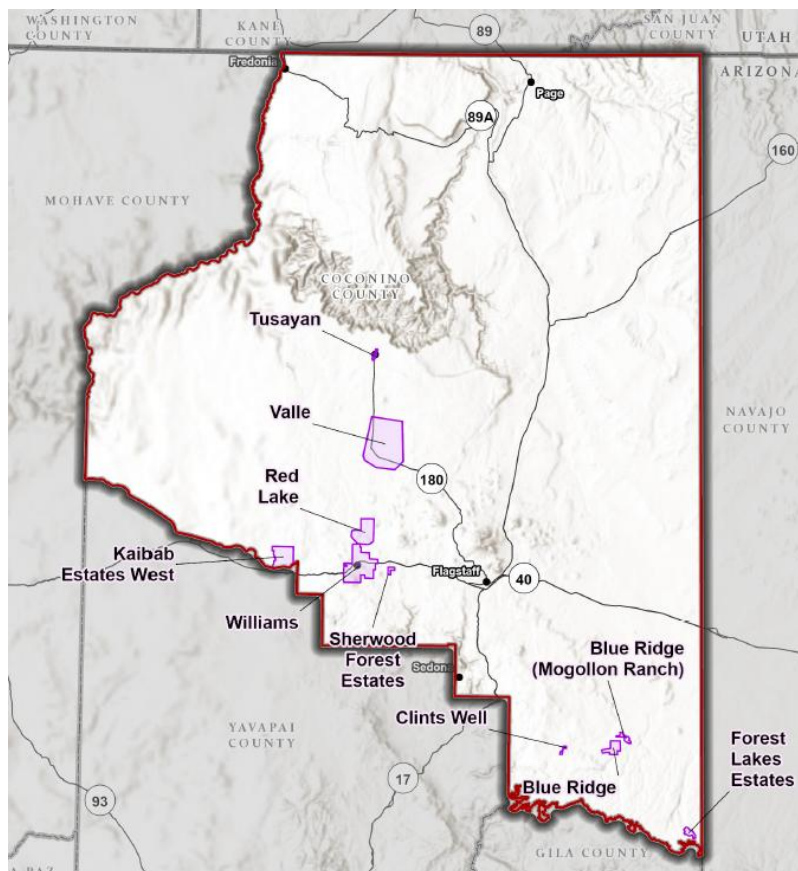
Community Location

Forest Lakes is an unincorporated community located in the southeastern corner of Coconino County. Arizona State Highway 260 splits the community into a northern and southern section. Most of the homes are in the northern section. The southern section is limited in growth to the south by the Mogollon Rim.

Payson is the largest incorporated town near Forest Lakes, roughly 35 miles to the west on 260, and Heber – Overgaard is roughly 20 miles to the east. The Forest Lakes Fire District building is the center of the community, and its GPS coordinates are 34.3369998, -110.798941.

Traveling east from Payson on HWY 260, the crest of the Mogollon Rim is at mile marker 282. The Mogollon Rim Visitor Center is located there, along with the turn off to Rim Road FS300. FS300 runs west along the rim to Woods Canyon and Bear Canyon Lakes, which are big recreational areas during the summer months. Willow Springs Lake is located off the 260 at mile marker 283, another summer recreational area. At mile marker 284, the Young Road turns to the south and off the Rim to the community of Young and Roosevelt Lake if you continue past Young on the road.

Forest Lakes borders HWY 260 from mile marker 288 to 290 and stretches approximately a mile north and south away from the highway.



Ownership

The community of Forest Lakes is made up mostly of single-family homes. There are several RV parks that line HWY 260 and are quite full during the summer months but are vacant during the winter due to the snow and freezing temperatures. Forest Lakes has the highest snow load design codes for the state, where several home in the past have been crushed under heavy accumulated snowfall. Therefore, RVs are not stored in Forest Lakes over the winter months.

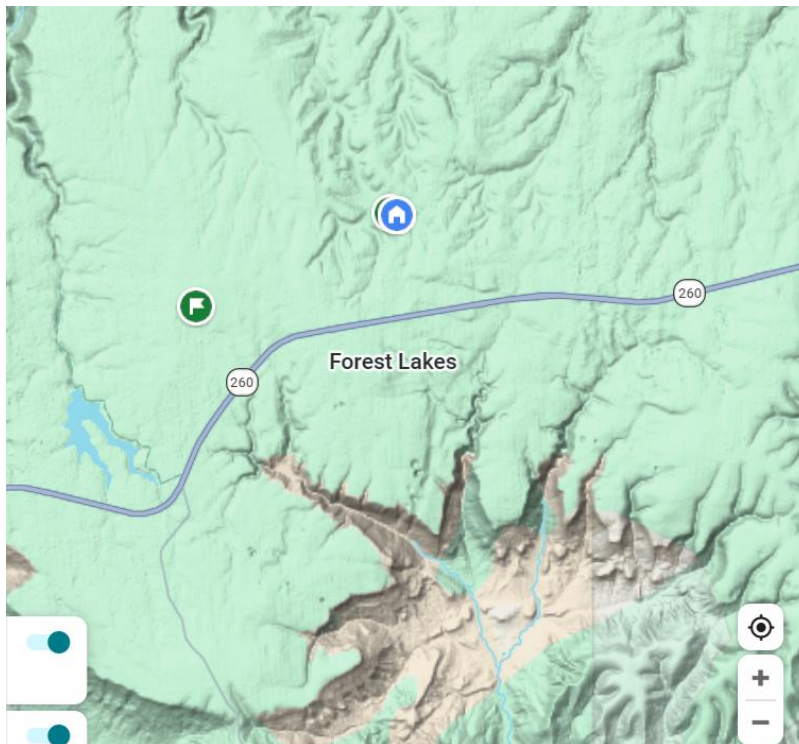
There are also a few commercial and county buildings within the community. There are two country stores and a restaurant that are closed from November to April. There is a motel lodge that is open year around that caters to hunters in the fall and folks looking for somewhere to play in the snow in the winter. The county has a post office, library, fire station and a county maintenance yard. The library is part of the Flagstaff library system and also houses the Chevelon Butte School, where kids are bused from the library to schools in Heber.

The remaining buildings are all single-family homes that are a mixture of rustic family cabins built back in the early days of late 1960s to large multi-million-dollar homes built in recent years. The community is only a two-hour drive from the Phoenix valley, and offers a 30 degree cooler change in temperature and a lot of outdoor recreational activities. Many of the homes are second, and now third generation owners from the original builders back in the 1960s and 70s.

Topography

The topography of the area within the community is relatively flat, sitting atop the Mogollon Rim Plateau. The elevation of Forest Lakes is approximately 7600 feet and varies a few hundred feet over the entire community.

To the north is the Chevelon Canyon area and to the south is the Mogollon Rim, which drops abruptly 1000 feet or more in elevation.



Vegetation

The vegetation for the entire area is dominated by ponderosa pine trees. Beneath the trees are grass that make up a typical ponderosa forest. Some residents have planted hardwoods, fruit and other pinse on their property but there are only a few. The entire area is predominantly ponderosa pines, where some of the old growth trees are easily over 100 feet in height and centuries in age.

Climate

The climate is Forest Lakes is very similar to Flagstaff. Forest Lakes is 600 feet higher in elevation, so slightly cooler than Flagstaff by a few degrees. Rarely does the temperature get to 90s in Forest Lakes. It is also more south and east relative to Flagstaff. Because of this location, the counter-clockwise rotation of the monsoon weather patterns coming up from the Gulf of California tend to hit Forest Lakes sooner in the year than Flagstaff.

Also, in the winter months, the winter storms from the west tend to drop a significant amount of their moisture climbing the Mogollon Rim. Forest Lakes ends up with a higher snowfall average than Flagstaff for the year.

The following figures show the variation of the average temperatures, rain, snow and wind for Forest Lakes. The temperature stays below 90 degrees all year with roughly a 30-degree difference between the daytime and nighttime temperatures. Nighttime temperatures stay above freezing just between June and September.

The monsoons hit Forest Lakes in early July and provide a lot of moisture in July and August. However, springtime tends to be dry with high winds. Therefore, May and June are typically two months where there is a major concern about wildfires. Forest Lakes is usually in Stage 1 or Stage 2 fire restrictions during the months of May and June.

Significant snow begins to accumulate in Forest Lakes in November, and the ground is typically covered in snow all winter and into April. The average snowfall for Forest Lakes is just under 100 inches a year. This amount of snowfall and the monsoon rains make this area of the Mogollon Rim a major aquifer recharge area for the Coconino aquifer below the Little Colorado River watershed.

The winds are calm 42 percent of the time, but when they do blow it is almost always from the southwest. Higher winds are common in May and June, and when coupled with little to no moisture leads to an increased fire danger during these two months.

Weather history for Forest Lakes, Arizona

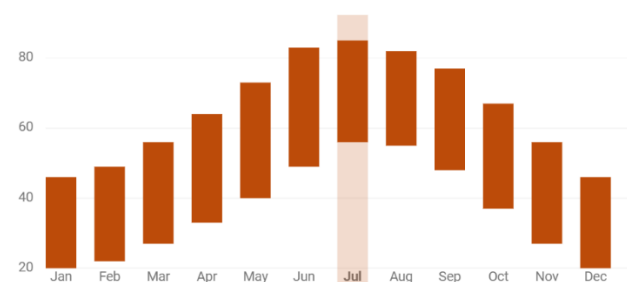
Temperature Rain Snow

July

85 / 56 °F | C

Average temperature

Record temps 96° / 41° F
Avg rainfall 2.69 in
Snow 0 days



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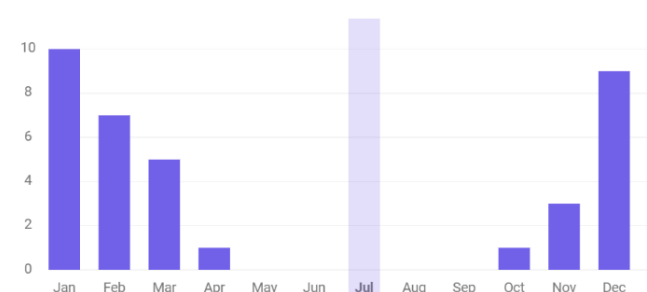
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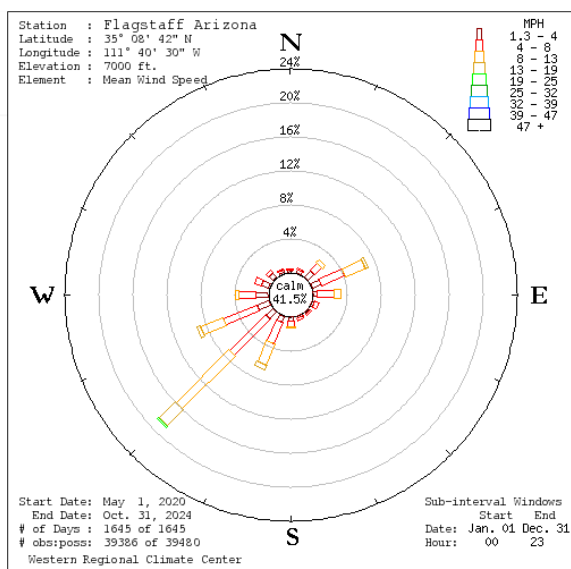
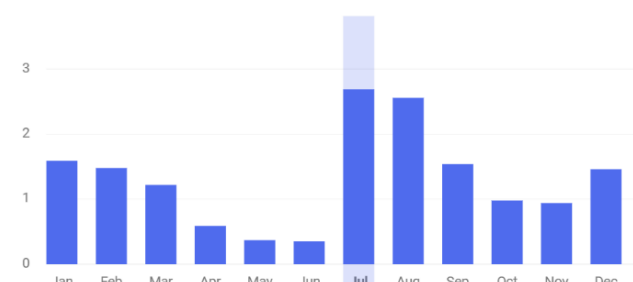
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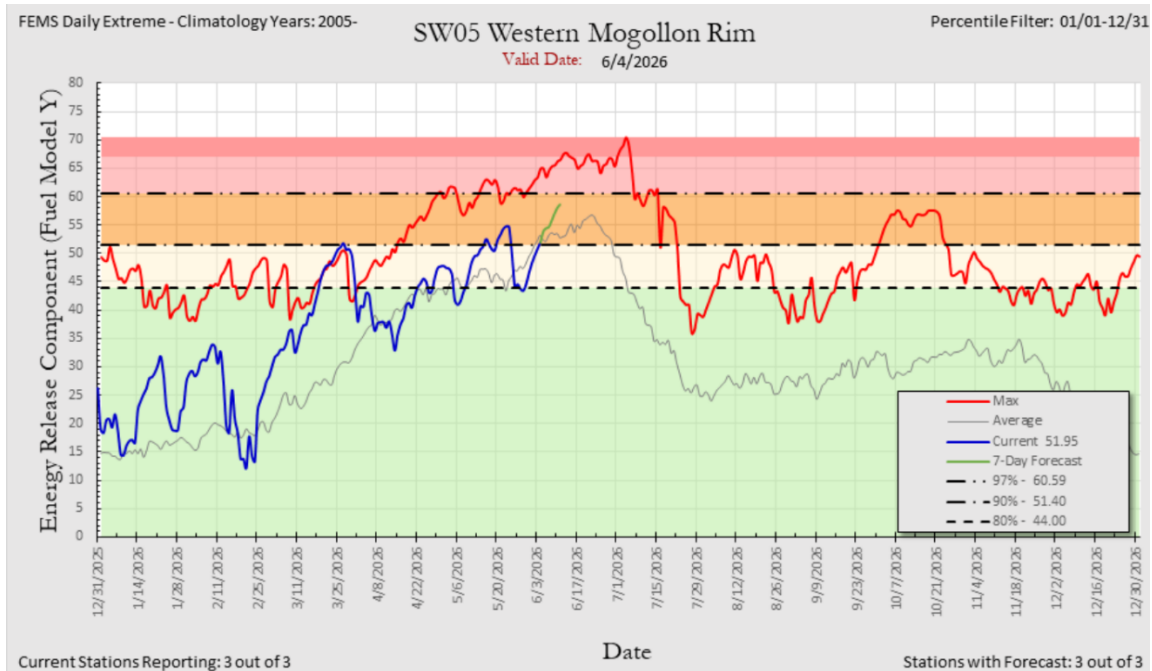
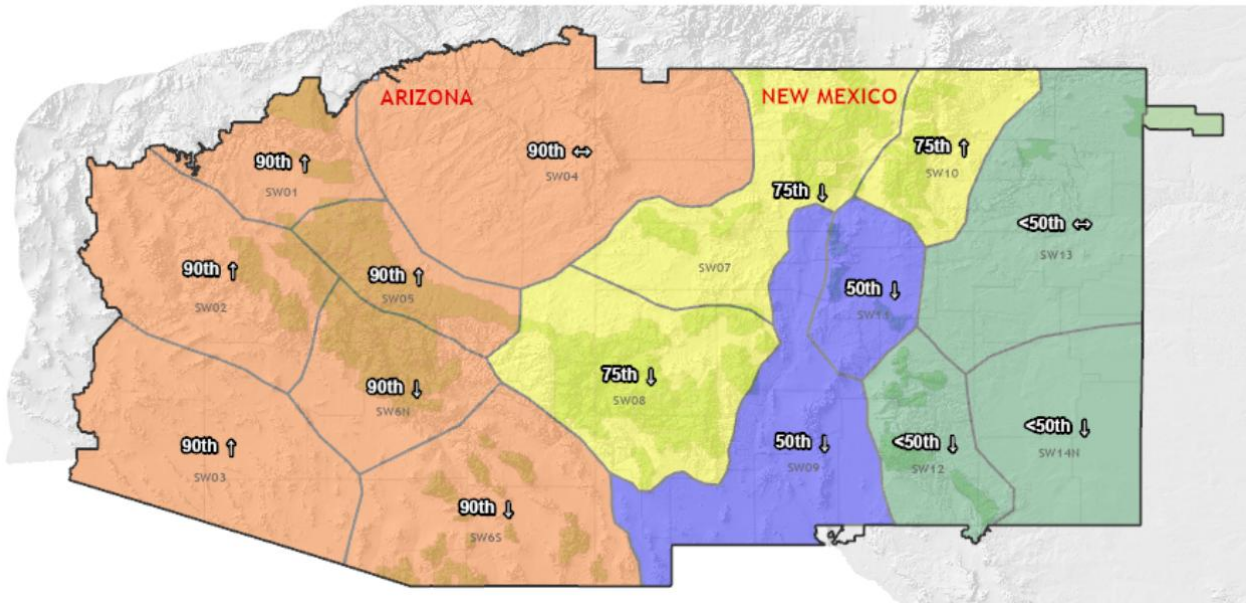
Rain 24 days
Snow 0 days
Avg temps 85° / 56° F



Forest Lakes is in the SW05 – Western Mogollon Rim USFS forest fuel tracking region. The average forest values show the increased fire danger period in May and June. Once the monsoons hit in July the fire danger reduces significantly. In extremely dry years, there is a second period of concern in October after the monsoons stop, the forest dries out and prior to the late fall snowfall.

As stated before, Forest Lakes is typically in Stage 1 or Stage 2 fire restrictions during May and June. Most of the recreational campsites and dispersed camping areas are to the west of Forest Lakes, which is a concern. The USFS Black Mesa rangers have weekend checkpoints to the west of Forest Lakes at the entrances to the recreational areas during these critical times to educate weekend campers of the fire related restrictions.

SOUTHWEST AREA



Wildlife

Forest Lakes has a large and diverse wildlife population in and around the community. Elk, white tail deer and mule deer can be found in the area. Pronghorns sometime venture into the Forest Lakes area from the grasslands to the north. Also, there are a couple of feral horse families around the community as well. Black bears are common to the area and even mountain lions reside in the nearby forest. There are a lot of smaller mammals like coyote, grey fox, racoon, porcupine, skunk, Abert's squirrels, ground squirrels and chipmunks that call the area home.

There are even bats that can be seen coming out at dusk picking off the few flying bugs in the area.

From a forest management perspective, all of Coconino County is in the Northern District A1S, except for the piece of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest where Forest Lakes is located. This carved out section of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, where Forest Lakes is located, is the only part of Coconino County in the Northeast District A2S.

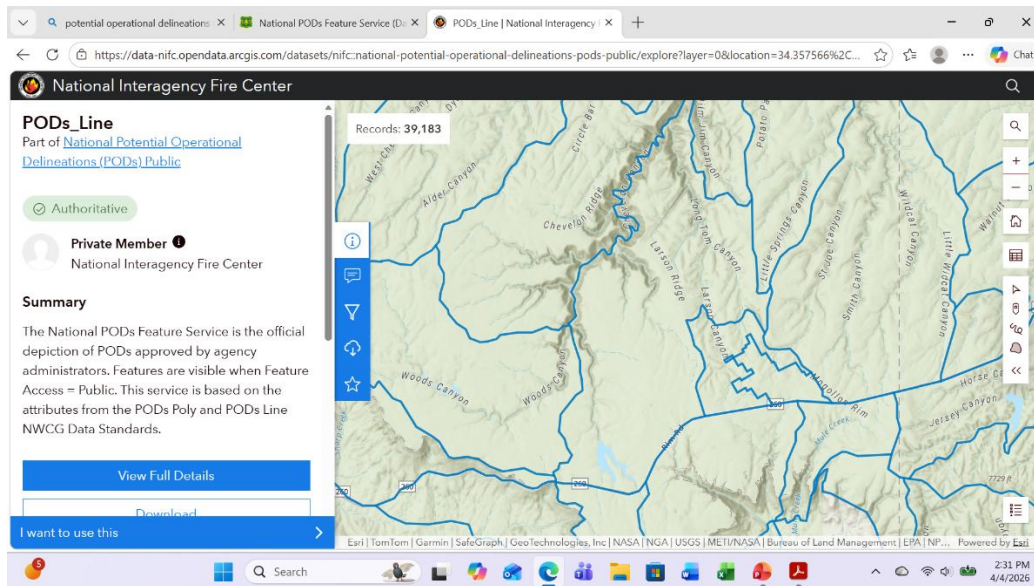
This was true for the surrounding Apache-Sitgreaves Forest as well until the Rodeo-Chediski fire in 2002 that burned over 460,000 acres. The fire came within 1 mile of Forest Lakes, and the USFS began an aggressive tree thinning process that is still ongoing.

The following two figures are the USFS previous and planned timber projects around Forest Lakes and Heber-Overgaard. The second figure is the previous and planned prescribed burns out to 2029.



As a near-term goal, the Forest Lakes Firewise program would like to build a strategy with DFFM and Black Mesa to augment the POD delineation lines around Forest Lakes until we can get the tree density within the community to a safer level. A canopy fire that reaches the community could be very devastating due to the current tree density.

The figure below is the current POD definitions around the Forest Lakes community. On the north side of HWY 260, the objective would be to create a better fire break or shaded break barrier along the western perimeter. On the south side of HWY 260, the objective would be to create a better fire break or shaded break barrier along Merzville Road that extends south from HWY 260 to the Rim.



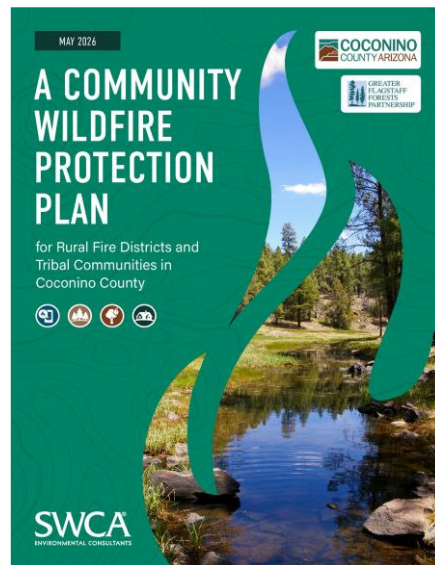
Community Infrastructure

In 1967 the Forest Lakes Owners Association (FLOA) was formed within this unincorporated community. Under the FLOA organization, the group addressed the community-wide concerns. An example was to negotiate with APS to get power from Payson to the community. They also drilled wells and formed what has become the current Forest Lakes Domestic Water Improvement District to provide reliable water to the community. It also formed the initial volunteer fire department that has transitioned into the current Forest Lakes Fire District. FLOA is now operated as a nonprofit corporation solely and exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, and community welfare purposes, which is why the newly formed Firewise Advisor Board is an extension of FLOA. Funding for the Firewise initiatives comes from FLOA, with the exception of the state grant funding for the Hazardous Fuel Reduction grant.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Forest Lakes has a CWPP that is due to be released in the coming months. The environmental consultant group, SWCA, in conjunction with the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership group were given a grant to develop the CWPPs for rural Coconino County communities in the wildland-urban interface regions, where Forest Lakes was one of these communities.

The consultants visited Forest Lakes last year and developed a draft CWPP that was reviewed at the April 2026 meeting. The draft comments are being incorporated, and the final document release is due out soon. Forest Lakes took a very active role in the process and provided a lot of feedback to the groups to help make the CWPP a very useful document.



The objective of the CWPP is:

1. to understand the community's current wildfire risks
2. to develop mitigation plans
3. to generate the hardware list to achieve the plans
4. to understand funding sources to achieve the plans.

Community Accomplishments

Forest Lakes will be successful in meeting its Firewise investment requirement due to what has been in place within the community already. It will be an easy transition into a successful Firewise program. The community has had the Hazardous Fuel Grant for several years. It also has the Green Waste Site (GWS), which operates under a special use permit from the USFS on National Forest property just north of Forest Lakes.

Last year FLOA began the incentive program of a monthly raffle of 10 \$100 gift cards for dinner at the local restaurant. An raffle entry required a load delivered to the GWS, and there were over 2,900 loads delivered

last year. This program will continue this year and into the future as an incentive to get folks to clean their lots of needles and downed wood.

There are two new incentive programs under the Firewise program this year. There is now an additional monthly raffle of 5 \$100 gift cards for dinner at the local restaurant for those that complete the 0 to 5 foot immediate zone clean-up.

The second incentive program is a monthly raffle for a pole saw for folks who remove all ponderosas that are 5 inches or less in diameter from their property. This program is the first step for folks to see the impact of less tree density so that clearing larger trees in the future will be mentally easier. FLOA and the local restaurant are teamed on these efforts, splitting the cost 50/50.

We held our first monthly educational and program update meeting in May. These monthly meetings will run from May to September. We covered the progress through April and discussed the 0 to 5 foot immediate zone criticality in blowing embers. The update can be viewed on our Firewise web page – flfdaz.com/firewise.

Given the transient nature of the residents here, we started the discussion on how best to communicate with the entire community. We tested a phone tree over the winter for the full-time folks that was successful. A text notice was sent out after snowstorms to ensure that everyone was OK. The intent of the new system is to off-load the Fire Chief and the local Sheriff from having to respond to a lot of non-emergency calls during critical times. The requirement is based on the actions by many within the community after a “SET” command was issued last summer. While the county has the emergency notification system over phones, we need to know better who is here, who needs help getting out and to answer non-emergency questions during the process.

Community Project Goals

The 3-year, near-term goals for the Forest Lakes Firewise program are defined below.

Year 1 – FY 2026

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Conduct monthly educational meetings (May – Sept) to cover the material in the recently created CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) for Forest Lakes.
2. Create a Firewise newsletter that covers one or more wildfire safety facts about Firewise, where a new Firewise-related newsletter gets released in every community news blast email.
3. Create an orientation class for new and existing residents to ensure they know the fire related safety rules and objectives of the Firewise program.

4. In conjunction with the 0-to-5 ft hardening goal, do a presentation on being ember aware.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Focus this first year on the 0-to-5ft immediate fire zone. Start an incentives program to help residents achieve a safe immediate zone. This will include the home and all other buildings on the property.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue the ongoing incentive program for residents to take raked pine needles and downed wood to the Green Waste Site.
2. Start an incentives program to rid lots of “dog-haired” pine trees that are less than 5 inches in diameter as a first step to tree thinning in the neighborhood.
3. Create a volunteer day to have residents volunteer to remove raked needle piles from community lots and take them to the Green Waste site for folks that can’t get them there.
4. Work with our District 3 County Supervisor on county level rules for minimum wildfire property maintenance requirements.
5. Communicating & coordinating fuels reduction projects with DFFM for opportunities to bring State Fire crews to further support Forest Lakes' efforts.
6. Work with DFFM to help identify and pursue grant opportunities.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Ensure that community residents are aware and can sign up for the emergency notices from Coconino County. Achieve a goal of at least 50% of the residents are signed up and participating.
2. Work to define a community-wide communications system for implementation in 2027.

Year 2 - FY 2027

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Continue the monthly educational meetings (May – Sept) to Firewise related material.
2. Continue a Firewise newsletter that covers one or more wildfire safety facts about Firewise, where a new newsletter gets released in every community news blast email.
3. Continue an orientation class for new and existing residents to ensure they know the fire safety rules.
4. Create a Firewise-related education program focused for kids.
5. In conjunction with the continuing 0-to-5 ft hardening goal, do a presentation on being ember aware.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Continue the 0-to-5ft immediate fire zone focus. Continue the incentives program to help residents achieve a safe immediate zone. This will include the home and all other buildings on the property.

2. Introduce a 5-to-30ft intermediate fire zone incentives program to help residents achieve a safe intermediate zone.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue the ongoing incentive program for residents to take raked pine needles and downed wood to the Green Waste Site.
2. Continue the incentives program to rid lots of “dog-haired” pine trees that are less than 5 inches in diameter.
3. Introduce an aid program for elderly or disabled residents for lot cleaning and meeting the Firewise lot objectives.
4. Communicating & coordinating fuels reduction projects with DFFM for opportunities to bring State Fire crews to further support Forest Lakes' efforts.
5. Work with DFFM to help identify and pursue grant opportunities.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Ensure that community residents are aware and can sign up for the emergency notices from Coconino County. Achieve a goal of at least 65% of the residents are signed up and participating.
2. Implement a community-wide communications system. The system will allow residents to get answers during emergencies when police and fire are occupied. It will also allow for neighbors to help neighbors, for those who need a hand, during emergencies if needed.

Year 3 - FY 2028

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Continue the monthly educational meetings (May – Sept) on Firewise related material.
2. Continue a Firewise newsletter that covers one or more wildfire safety facts about Firewise, where a new newsletter gets released in every community news blast email.
3. Continue an orientation class for new and existing residents to ensure they know the fire safety rules.
4. Continue and build on the Firewise-related education program focused for kids.
5. In conjunction with the continuing 0-to-5 ft hardening goal, do a presentation on being ember aware.

Home Hardening Goals

3. Continue the 0-to-5ft immediate fire zone focus. Continue the incentives program to help residents achieve a save immediate zone. This will include the home and all other buildings on the property.
4. Continue the 5-to-30ft intermediate fire zone incentives program to help residents achieve a safe intermediate zone.
5. Introduce a 30-to-100ft extended zone incentives program to help residents achieve a safe extended zone.

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue the ongoing incentive program for residents to take raked pine needles and downed wood to the Green Waste Site.
2. Continue the incentives program to rid lots of “dog-haired” pine trees that are less than 5 inches in diameter.
3. Continue the aid program for elderly or disabled residents for lot cleaning and meeting the Firewise lot objectives.
4. Look for alternative funding sources to augment the hazardous fuel grant funding in an effort to accelerate tree density reduction within the neighborhood.
5. Communicating & coordinating fuels reduction projects with DFFM for opportunities to bring State Fire crews to further support Forest Lakes' efforts.
6. Work with DFFM to help identify and pursue grant opportunities.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1. Ensure that community residents are aware and can sign up for the emergency notices from Coconino County. Achieve a goal of least 80% of the residents are signed up and participating.
2. Implement a community-wide communications system. The system will allow residents to get answers during emergencies when police and fire are occupied. It will also allow for neighbors to help neighbors, for those who need a hand, during emergencies if needed.

Community Investments

With 976 lots, the corresponding investment to be in good standing is \$33,955.04, where the hour to dollar conversion factor is \$34.79. Recent history would indicate that this threshold will never be an issue for the Forest Lakes community.

There will be five sources for hours and costs to generate the community investments:

1. volunteer hours related to cleaning lots of downed needles and wood,
2. costs associated with home hardening efforts,
3. contractor costs to clear lots for owners
4. owner cost associated with the Hazardous Fuel Reduction grant, and
5. hours of participation in Firewise related educational meetings and projects.

This is the first year for the Forest Lakes Firewise program, but if we look at just the first and fourth items from above for 2025, there were 2,920 loads taken to the Green Waste Site (GWS) at a dumping cost of \$27,653. This number of loads equates to roughly 18,000 cu yds of green waste. The waste was chipped and removed earlier this year, where they removed 1,100 tons of chipped waste from the Green Waste site. The loads also equate to roughly 8,760 hours of raking, loading and delivery time. This alone results in an investment of \$332,413. The owners' costs associated with the Hazardous Fuel Grant in 2025 were over

\$50,000. Combined, just these two resulted in nearly 10 times the required Firewise investment for the community.

As of the end of May 2026, the community has had 687 loads delivered to the Green Waste Site, equating to roughly 4,122 cu yds of material and 4,536 hours. This equates to a January to May investment cost of \$157,807 for just the first item. The second item has generated costs of \$1,635 as of the end of May, along with delivery costs to the GWS of \$6,399. The third item has generated costs of \$1,300. The owners' related grant costs have been \$7,750 for the receipts that have been turned in for reimbursement. The total dollar related investment is \$17,084 to the end of May.

The last item has generated 309 hours associated with Firewise related educational and projects. Forest Lakes held a Firewise program kickoff meeting in April that also covered the review of the draft CWPP for Forest Lakes residents at the Fire Station and via Zoom. There was also a May 2nd Firewise event, where free hot dogs, chips and drinks were provided at the GWS. There were 54 loads delivered to the GWS that day alone while they enjoyed free food and provided Firewise information. FLOA and the Fire Board have monthly meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month between May and September. A Firewise program update is now added to the agenda of both community meetings. The May meeting focused on the Immediate Zone in the 0 to 5 foot range and provided folks with a video on research in the ember chamber to drive home the importance of the immediate zone. These several meeting and presentations resulted in hours that added another \$10,750 in investment costs.

Therefore, as of the end of May, Forest Lakes Firewise program has generated a total investment cost of \$185,641, or over 5 times the requirement to be in good standing, and are on our way to meet or exceed last year's value of 10 times the requirement.

Community Firewise Day

Forest Lakes did hold a 2nd May Community Firewise Day event. The Forest Lakes Fire District provided free hot dogs, chips and a drink at the Green Waste Site to those bringing green waste. There were 54 loads delivered during the event that day, where folks enjoyed free food and were given Firewise handouts to begin the learning on being fire wise.

Typically, most of the non-fulltime residents do not migrate to Forest Lakes until closer to the Memorial Day weekend. Most years there is still snow on the ground on the 2nd of May, but luckily it was an unusually warm winter. While it worked this year, we may have our community event later in May in future years to get better participation.

Future planned 2026 Firewise events will include a neighborhood needle pickup, the monthly educational and program updates, an open house at the Fire Station and the monthly community markets.

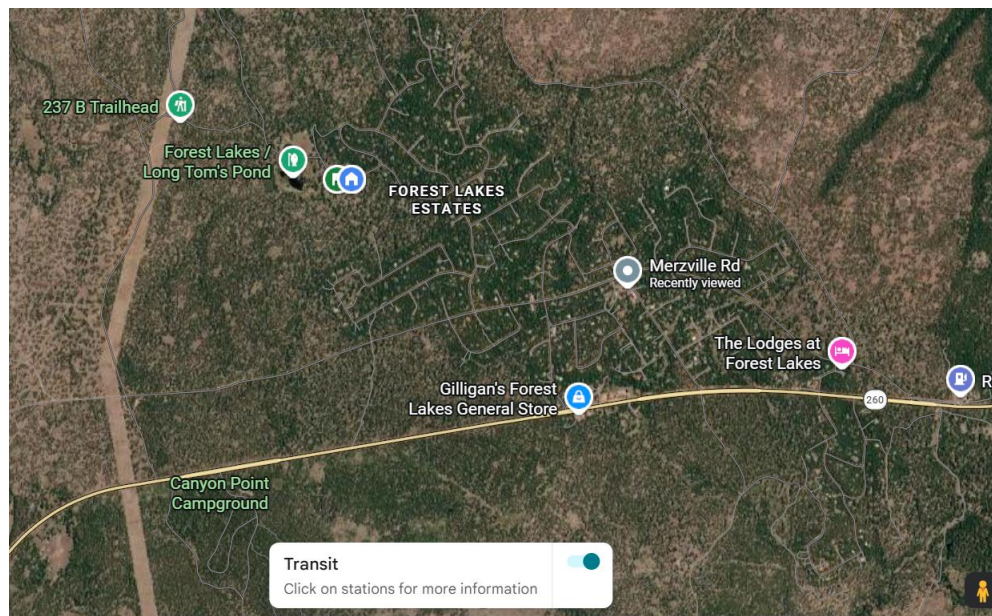
We just completed the neighborhood needle pickup project in early June. Many residents rake their lots, but have no way to get their needle piles to the GWS. The project was to offer these folks free transport of their needles and downed wood to the GWS, complements of FLOA. We had 9 volunteers, two trailers, a tractor and a bunch of pitch forks clear 8 lots for those who requested our help. While FLOA covered the GWS costs, donations by members of the community for the program covered those costs in total.

The monthly educational and program updates will be part of the Fire Board and FLOA monthly meetings. Each month will focus on a critical fire wise topic, where the immediate zone is this year's major focus.

The Firewise program will have a table at the Fire Station open house and at the monthly community market, handing out the Firewise pamphlets and answering questions for folks in the community. The June community market was very well attended and many folks stopped at the Firewise table to get handouts and ask questions.

Maps and Community Photos

The satellite image of Forest Lakes is shown below. You can almost make out the perimeter of the community based on the tree density difference between within the community and the surrounding National Forest.



You can also see the distinct fire break that the high power lines route creates to the west of Forest Lakes.

Here are some pictures from around the community. The Forest Lakes Owners Association owns 2 acres which includes the community center and various buildings, along with a parking lot for the events.



The fire station has two buildings that house the on-duty firefighters, two type 6 brush trucks, 2 ambulances, a type 1 engine and a 3000 gallon water tender.



The water department and post office share a building.



The county maintenance yard has the local grader for the roads and material for road repairs.



The library building also serves as the school building and a church on the weekend.



There is a small local pond on the northwest side of the community.

