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## **14-Day Stay Limit at National Forests Campgrounds And Dispersed Areas**

**Springerville, AZ – For Immediate Release, August 18, 2016** -- The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests would like to remind all our recreationists that there is a 14-day stay limit while camping on all ranger districts (Alpine, Black Mesa, Clifton, Lakeside and Springerville Ranger Districts) on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) per *Order 01-14-561, Apache- Sitgreaves NFs Special Restrictions for Occupancy and Use, June 1, 2014*.

“Camping or overnight occupancy in any dispersed areas by any person or group for more than 14 consecutive days within a 30-day period is prohibited. For purposes of the order, camping is defined as: Overnight occupancy of National Forest System lands, whether by persons or their camping equipment and other personal property, for the period specified.” *36 CFR 261.58(a)*

Dispersed camping is allowed throughout the forests year round with the same 14 consecutive days stay limit. Dispersed camping is with no water or trash services, so it is “pack it in and pack it out.” #ItsAllYours so we request that everyone be respectful of fellow visitors and adhere to the 14-day stay limit.

The 14-day stay limit also applies to camping equipment. Camping equipment may not remain in place longer than the stay limit, even if used by a different person or group. Before you leave, clean your camping area and hopefully leave it better than you found it.

Leaving camping equipment in place in order to reserve your spot or to minimize hauling it home puts a burden upon other camping visitors to the Forest. Please plan around the 14-day stay limit accordingly.

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