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MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT

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## News from the Forest Service

### Mogollon Rim Ranger District, Coconino National Forest

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#### Blue Ridge Reservoir Update

This News Release was issued by Arizona Game and Fish Department.

**October 16, 2013, Vehicle access to C.C. Cragin (Blue Ridge) Reservoir to close during boating access construction**



“PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Department, in cooperation with the Coconino National Forest, will commence a boating access improvement project at C.C. Cragin (Blue Ridge) Reservoir this week to widen the existing boat ramp, install rockfall protection netting, and complete several other safety features. The reservoir is located on the Mogollon Rim east of Clints Well.

This work will require closure of Forest Road 751 approximately 2 miles east of State Route 87 near Rock Crossing Campground, effective Thursday, October 17, 2013, and continuing through mid-December. There will be no vehicular access to the lake during this period.

When completed, this project will enhance recreational boating access, safety and fishing opportunities for the future. Access to the lake is anticipated to resume in the spring of next year, as weather and road conditions allow.

For additional information about the project, please contact Ron Christofferson, Boating Facilities Program Manager for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, at (623) 236-7481.”

Currently the road is closed at the cattle guard just after the entrance to Rock Crossing Campground. Construction has been set in different phases, the one that is currently taking place is Phase 1.

#### Prescribed Fall Burning on the Mogollon Rim Ranger District

We have begun burning on the Victorine Project. Victorine is located along Forest Road 137. Burning started on October 21st, and will continue (depending upon weather conditions) until all sections of the planning area have been completed. Smoke is anticipated to drift into Leonard Canyon and East Clear Creek during the burn. Some of the subdivisions within the Blue Ridge community will be effected by the smoke in the late evening and early morning hours. Smoke should lift by mid-morning.

## Christmas Trees

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District is once again offering the cut your own Christmas tree program for the 2013 season.



The tree cutting area is located off of Dane Ridge, Forest Road 321, and Buck Springs Ridge, Forest Road 137, 100 feet on both sides of the road. The area will be signed aiding in direction for the public.

The cost per tree is \$15.00 and is limited to one tag per household. If anyone wants to get a tag for someone else, that is okay as long as it is a different name and we will need a different address also. The species is Douglas Fir, and tags go on sale Friday, November 22nd. You may pay by credit card, cash or check.

Any questions please feel free to call us at (928) 477-2255.

Have a very  
Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy  
your family and friends, and be  
safe!

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