



WHISPERING PINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Patrol Report

September 2010

Labor Day weekend saw an increase in the numbers of campers in the forest, but not as many as the two previous holidays. With the increased activity we unfortunately saw an increase in the abandoned campfires. It appears that the monsoon has left for this year and the climatic transition has begun into the fall seasonal dry period with warm daytime temperatures, breezes and lower humidity's. With this transition comes an increase in wildfire potential, so everyone needs to be more vigilant in their outdoor recreating activities. This first season of Fire Patrol officially ended on September 26th. However, there is a possibility that the weekend of October 8th – 10th may see additional Fire Patrols. This is dependent upon the turnout for the Mountain Thunder Motorcycle Rally in Payson that weekend.

Statistics:

Sept 4	Visited 42 campsites	Trash removal NONE	Extinguish NONE
Sept 5	Visited 34 campsites	Trash removal NONE	Extinguish 2 campfires
Sept 6	Visited 101 campsites	Trash removal 12 sites	Extinguish 10 campfire
Sept 11	Visited 39 campsites	Trash removal 1 site	Extinguish 1 campfire
Sept 12	Visited 38 campsites	Trash removal 19 sites	Extinguish 8 campfires
Sept 18	Visited 39 campsites	Trash removal 1 site	Extinguish 1 campfire
Sept 19	Visited 39 campsites	Trash removal 3 sites	Extinguish 5 campfires
Sept 25	Visited 25 campsites	Trash removal 1 sites	Extinguish 1 campfire
Sept 26	Visited 31 campsites	Trash removal 7 sites	Extinguish 2 campfires

September Totals	388 campsites	Trash removal x 44	30 campfires
August Totals	326 campsites	Trash removal x 78	17 campfires
July Totals	297 campsites	Trash removed x 23	7 campfires
June Totals	511 campsites	Trash removed x 31	14 campfires 1 trash barrel
May Totals	264 campsites	Trash removed x 42	20 campfires
YTD Totals	1786 campsites	Trash removal x 218	88 campfires 1 trash barrel

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