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Prescott NF Focuses on Public, Employee Health and Safety in Response to COVID-19

PRESCOTT, AZ, March 17, 2020 - The Prescott NF (PNF) is implementing procedures and protocol to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with guidance from federal and state authorities.

"The health and safety of our employees and community are our top priorities during this rapidly changing situation," said PNF Supervisor Dale Deiter. "We will continue to support our communities and fulfill our mission, while minimizing exposure risks to our employees and the public."

The forest is asking customers and stakeholders to call forest offices for assistance, visit our website - www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/ for recreation information, postpone non-critical business with the Forest Service and practice "social distancing" when they encounter Forest Service employees in the field. If you need to obtain entrance to one of our offices, please call to setup an appointment.

In order to continue to provide all services to the public while limiting exposure, we are moving to offering virtual services. Our offices will continue to answer phone calls, help direct visitors to websites where they can obtain information on camping and recreating, purchase maps and passes; and offer wood permits by other means. Please contact any of the offices listed below:

Supervisor's Office, (928) 777-2200

Bradshaw-Chino Valley District Office - (928) 443-8000

Verde Ranger District Office - (928) 567-4121

Maps and passes may also be purchased on-line thru USGS at - <https://store.usgs.gov/pass/index.html>.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience as we manage our response to the pandemic and do our best to continue operations while minimizing risk.

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