

A Message from the Board



Pine/Strawberry Fuel Reduction, Inc. (PSFR) is a completely volunteer, nonprofit community organization and is dependent entirely upon private donations and grants for its operation. The relative cost of funding fire prevention programs and activities is certainly small in comparison with all that we stand to lose here in the Rim Country. Community projects include operation of the brush pit (located several miles south of Pine, off the Control Road) where residents can dispose of leaves, branches and brush cuttings at no cost, though donations are appreciated. Volunteers from PSFR are building hiking/biking trails in the area and organize a number of community events to promote fire safety awareness and fuel reduction goals.

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

All six of Arizona's National Forest has gone into Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and Gila County has issued a County Wide Burn Ban.

This ban is for all fire causing activity outside; campfires, charcoal or wood fires for cooking, tools without spark arrestors, outdoor welding, torches, target shooting, fireworks, smoking, etc. You may use propane BBQ's, cook stoves or lanterns. If you can turn it on and off, they are ok to use. This ban applies to the communities of Pine and Strawberry as well as our surrounding National Forest lands.

Check out our
NEW WEBSITE!

[Click here for PSFR website](#)

Be sure to take a look at our redesigned website. With an abundance of updated info, make the PSFR website your "go-to" for current projects, events and fire wise info. Thanks to the Website Committee: Elsa Steffanson, Janet Brandt, Brenda Darling and Joan Backman.



Pine Brush Pit Open Sundays

8am--4pm (Donations appreciated) [Click for more info.](#)



New Interpretive Trail

Wondering what all the activity at the Pine Trailhead is about?? The Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction Trail Crew is hard at work building a Fire Interpretive Trail. This easy, hard packed gravel trail will loop around the trailhead area for about a half mile. The trail will feature signage explaining the role of fire in our forests and communities, fire management strategies and lots of interesting information about the forest around us. Benches will be provided along the trail in addition to several covered picnic areas already in place with handicap accessible picnic tables. In the center of the parking lot a Firewise Garden featuring a variety of native plants that are adapted for fire in this area is being built. You can help by making a monetary donation to cover the cost of

crushed rock and other landscaping supplies...[click here to donate to the project](#). This work is being accomplished through a partnership with the Tonto National Forest, the National Forest Foundation, Arizona State Parks, Arizona Trail Association and many local businesses and private donations.



Future Firewise Garden

Are You Ready? Have you signed up for Gila County's Emergency Alert System called Everbridge? You can be notified via voice or text message if there is a public safety concern or evacuation notice for our area. And your info is confidential; not shared for other uses. To enroll, [click here](#).



Did You Know...

that Pine was featured in a USA Today article about the fire risk our communities face?

[Click here to read it.](#)