



Mogollon Rim Ranger District



“NEWS BRIEF”

September 16, 2008

“Yeager” Wildland Fire Use Fire

The Mogollon Rim Ranger District now has another wildland fire use fire burning. The “Yeager” fire is burning near forest road 96 between Dane Ridge and Buck Springs Ridge. The fire was ignited by lightning on September 11, 2008 and the determination was made for Wildland Fire Use. This means we are managing the fire for resource benefit. This fire was chosen to manage because of its location and barriers to the fire spreading beyond where we want it to spread.

The fire is currently 20 acres in size and is growing slowly. It is being monitored daily and as with any wildland fire if conditions warrant more personnel will take action on the fire. It is burning in pine litter, consuming logs and an occasional green tree. This reduces hazardous fuels, cycles nutrients, increases habitat diversity, and allows a natural process to occur with minimal costs. On Wednesday, September 17th, winds are predicted to be out of the south west, this could push smoke into the Leonard Canyon area which would cause the smoke to drift towards Clear Creek Pines 8 & 9, Starlight Ranchettes and the Ponderosa Pines areas.

We please ask that you remain out of the fire area for your own personal safety. We are also asking that nothing be left unattended within the perimeter of the fire, as the fire may grow in any direction. We do not expect the fire to burn rapidly or severely, but if a thunderstorm passes over the area, it could push the fire in any direction.

