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Supervisor Jack Smith Accepts Presidential Appointment



Yavapai County District 5 Supervisor Jack Smith submitted a letter of resignation to accept an appointment to serve as the Arizona State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Supervisor Smith has been an outstanding leader and public servant in his community since his election to the Yavapai County Board in 2012. He has been a leader as well at the County Supervisors Association (CSA), serving a term as the chairman of the Medium County Caucus and, since 2017, on CSA's Executive Committee. Mr. Smith also served on our Legislative Policy Committee, where he was significantly involved in formulating the Association's policy positions and in advocating for coalition priorities at the state Capitol.



The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors is expected to vote on accepting Supervisor Smith's resignation (effective July 7) during their regularly scheduled [meeting](#), Wednesday, July 3, 2019 and to discuss possible action regarding the process to appoint a replacement. For information on filling an elected official vacancy in Arizona, please click [here](#).

Thank you, Supervisor Smith, for your great work at Yavapai County and as a member of CSA! We look forward to working with you in your new post!

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Greenlee County Administrator Kay Gale Announces Retirement



Greenlee County Manager Deborah Kay Gale announced her retirement this week effective August 5, 2019. Ms. Gale began her 40-year career with a data processing position in the basement of the Greenlee County Courthouse and was promoted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within a few years.



Ms. Gale was appointed as the county administrator in January 2001 and has focused on building a legacy of fiscal responsibility, problem solving, community development and creating a path for professional women in county administration.

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors shared some of their thoughts on Ms. Gale's service: Greenlee County Chairman Supervisor Richard Lunt said "She understands relationships, Greenlee County to the State, County Government to the people we serve and most importantly, she cares about individuals." Supervisor Ron Campbell said "Her guidance, leadership and common sense will truly be missed. She made everyone and everything around her better." Supervisor David Gomez echoed those feelings stating,

"Anyone who truly knew county government, knew that it was Kay Gale that put Greenlee County on the map. When she spoke, people listened because she knew what she was talking about." Ms. Gale's service has made a lasting positive impact to Arizona.

Thank you for your dedication and service Kay, CSA hopes you and Larry have a wonderful retirement.

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ACDESHA Meets



On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met with state agency partners regarding a variety of functions delegated to counties by the state.

They also heard a presentation on the Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council (FSIC). The FSIC is a collaboration between the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension (UofA) and the Environmental Health Unit of the Yavapai County Community Health Services. The FSIC is an advisory board of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and provides recommendations to address food safety issues within the county. Members include two industry representatives

appointed from each of the BOS Districts and 3 consumer members at-large. The ex-officio members include UofA and Yavapai County Environmental Health Program, providing FSIC members and the regulated community access to the latest research in food safety and regulators. To learn more about the work of the FSIC please, click [here](#).

CSA staff provided a wrap-up report on the 2019 Legislative Session.

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Wildfire Update

Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in effect on Arizona state-owned and managed lands in Gila, La Paz, Maricopa and Yuma Counties and parts of Mohave County. In addition, the National Weather Services issued Red Flag Warnings for parts of north central and northwest Arizona due to low humidity and strong winds. To view current restrictions please, click [here](#).

Stage 1 includes the following restrictions and prohibitions:

- Fires, campfires, charcoal, coal, or wood stoves, other than in a developed campsite or picnic area;
- Smoking, except in specified locations;
- Fireworks or another incendiary device; and
- Welding or operating acetylene or other torch devices with an open flame.

County leaders have deployed resources to protect public safety in communities threatened by wildfires. There are currently two wildfires and two prescribed fires in Arizona, which include:

- Woodbury Fire – has grown to over 123,590 acres and is burning across parts of the Superstition Wilderness in the Tonto National Forest about five miles north of Superior, Arizona. The fire is currently 68 percent contained and fire crews have been battling against hot, dry conditions with strong winds that increase the potential for the fire to spread rapidly. The cause of the fire is unknown, but there are over 700 dedicated firefighters working to get it contained. The evacuation order for the Roosevelt area has been lifted, but the Tonto National Forest remains closed. To view a time-lapse video of the fire by Arizona State Forestry please, click [here](#).
- Badger Springs Fire – the human caused wildfire off of I-17 near Sunset Point burned an estimated 2,525 acres and is 80 percent contained. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- Kaibab NF North Zone RX Fire – firefighters treated an estimated 3,500 acres completing phase 1 and 2 of a prescribed fire for Moquitch 1 and 3. Fire managers will continue to monitor to ensure the fire stays contained within the designated areas. Preparations for additional treatment areas are underway, but ignitions may be delayed until after the monsoon season begins.
- Kaibab NF South Zone RX Fire – multiple prescribed fires within the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts are planned, fire managers are working to minimize the impact of smoke to communities and closely monitoring the fires. There are three main prescribed fires in the Kaibab NF South Zone:
 - Russell Fire: is scheduled to start June 24th, weather permitting, and is scheduled to burn 2,130 acres about 13 miles southeast of Tusayan;
 - Sunflower Fire: burned about 2,803 acres south of Williams, fire crews are monitoring the project as the project wraps up.
 - Reed Fire: a total of 1,403 acres have been completed near Tusayan and operations may resume in coming weeks.

To learn more about how you can be fire smart please, click [here](#) for a public safety video from the Arizona State Parks.

For up to date information on wildfires, please click on the following links:

[Arizona Interagency Wildfire Prevention](#)
[Arizona State Forestry Division](#)
[Arizona State Parks Fire Restrictions and Information](#)
[InciWeb – Interagency All-Risk Incident Information Management System](#)
[Federal: Active Fire Maps](#)
[Fire Restrictions](#)

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CSA on the Road



CSA enjoyed traveling to Coconino and Pinal counties this week to meet with county supervisors and professional staff. Over the course of the summer, staff is looking forward to visiting with all 15 counties.

In the next two weeks, staff will travel to Apache, Cochise and Santa Cruz counties:

- Apache County: July 2nd
- Cochise County: July 16th
- Santa Cruz County: July 17th

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