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Kaibab National Forest plans prescribed burn near Tusayan

Tusayan, Ariz., Feb. 10, 2015—For Immediate Release. Kaibab National Forest fire managers plan to conduct a prescribed burn this week just northwest of Tusayan in order to remove accumulated pine needles and light, scattered slash that was generated during recent thinning projects.

Implementation of the 242-acre Flying J prescribed burn could begin as early as tomorrow and continue through Saturday, if weather conditions are appropriate. Fire managers are looking for northeast winds that will carry low-intensity fire through the area and push smoke to the southwest and away from Tusayan and the Grand Canyon National Park.

The purpose of the Flying J project, which is strategically located around the town of Tusayan, is to reduce hazardous fuels, provide community protection and restore forest health. Typically, fire managers focus on burning slash piles during the winter because of snowy conditions. However, recent dry weather is creating conditions appropriate for larger-scale, broadcast burning across the landscape.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and appropriate weather and smoke ventilation conditions. For additional information on the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ, and to view prescribed burns authorized for any given day, visit <http://www.azdeq.gov>.

Kaibab National Forest fire information and updates are available through the following channels:

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