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North Zone fire managers announce locations scheduled for upcoming prescribed burn operations

Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 10, 2016 — For Immediate Release. Fire managers for the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest plan to ignite prescribed fires at various locations across the district as early as next week. These hazardous fuels reduction treatments may start as early as Tuesday. The specific prescribed fire units to be ignited will be chosen based on weather and fuel conditions. Areas that could be treated are as follows:

Jacob Ryan Bridge Unit: Approximately 1,806 acres

Moquitch 4 Unit: Approximately 914 acres

Dry Park 422E Unit: Approximately 1,226 acres

During prescribed fire operations, community members and forest visitors may see fire personnel and vehicles in the vicinity. Smoke may be visible from Highway 89A and Highway 67, within the vicinity of Jacob Lake, Houserock Valley and Marble Canyon; however, fire managers strive to minimize smoke impacts to the community as much as possible. Smoke is expected to disperse to the northeast during the day, and residual smoke may settle into drainages and low lying areas overnight but should dissipate quickly as fire managers will only commence ignitions when conditions exist that will allow smoke to adequately ventilate.

Prescribed fires are essential tools for restoring the forests in a fire-adapted ecosystem, and smoke is an unavoidable byproduct of these efforts. Prescribed fire operations occur when winds and other atmospheric conditions will push the majority of smoke away from communities and ultimately limit the number of days smoke lingers.

For more information on how smoke can affect you, please visit www.phoenixvis.net/PPMmain.aspx.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and appropriate weather conditions. For additional information on the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ and to view prescribed burns authorized on any given day, please visit www.azdeq.gov/enviro/air/smoke/index.html.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed burns will be provided regularly throughout the season. Additional fire information for Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311 or via text message – text 'follow kaibabnf' to 40404.

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