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South Zone fire managers to treat piles following snowfall

Williams, Ariz., Dec. 14, 2015—For Immediate Release. Fire managers on both the Tusayan and Williams Ranger Districts will be completing pile burns across the two southern districts of the Kaibab National Forest following recent snowfall. The pile burns help remove fuel sources from the forest. Current conditions are ideal for burning piles, as the snow on the ground helps mitigate fire intensity.

Tusayan Ranger District: Fire crews will treat 122 acres of piles near Forest Road 311, near Russell Tank, to the east of Tusayan. There are no predicted smoke impacts to the town of Tusayan during this treatment. Later in the week, fire crews will also potentially be treating approximately 150 acres to east of the airport, which may include minimal smoke impacts to the immediate airport vicinity.

Williams Ranger District: Fire crews will be treating 865 acres of piles near the Sherwood Forest and Pine Hill areas, around McDougal Flat, near Forest Road 141. Smoke impacts to Sherwood Forest Estates and McDougal Flat may be possible, though very minimal.

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/environ/air/smoke/index.html.

Additional information, photos and maps are available through the following resources: InciWeb inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4112/ and inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4113/; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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