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North Zone Fall Prescribed Burning Begins

FREDONIA, Ariz. – Pending favorable weather conditions, North Zone fire managers will implement a prescribed fire treatment in the Jacob Ryan South project area tomorrow at the Groupsite Unit, which is 471 acres in size.

The Groupsite Unit is located within the North Kaibab Ranger District (NKRD) and is bordered by Highway 89A on the north, Forest Service Road (FSR) 205 on the east, FSR 634 on the south and Highway AZ 67 on the west. The prescribed burn will be continuously monitored by Forest Service firefighters to control spread.

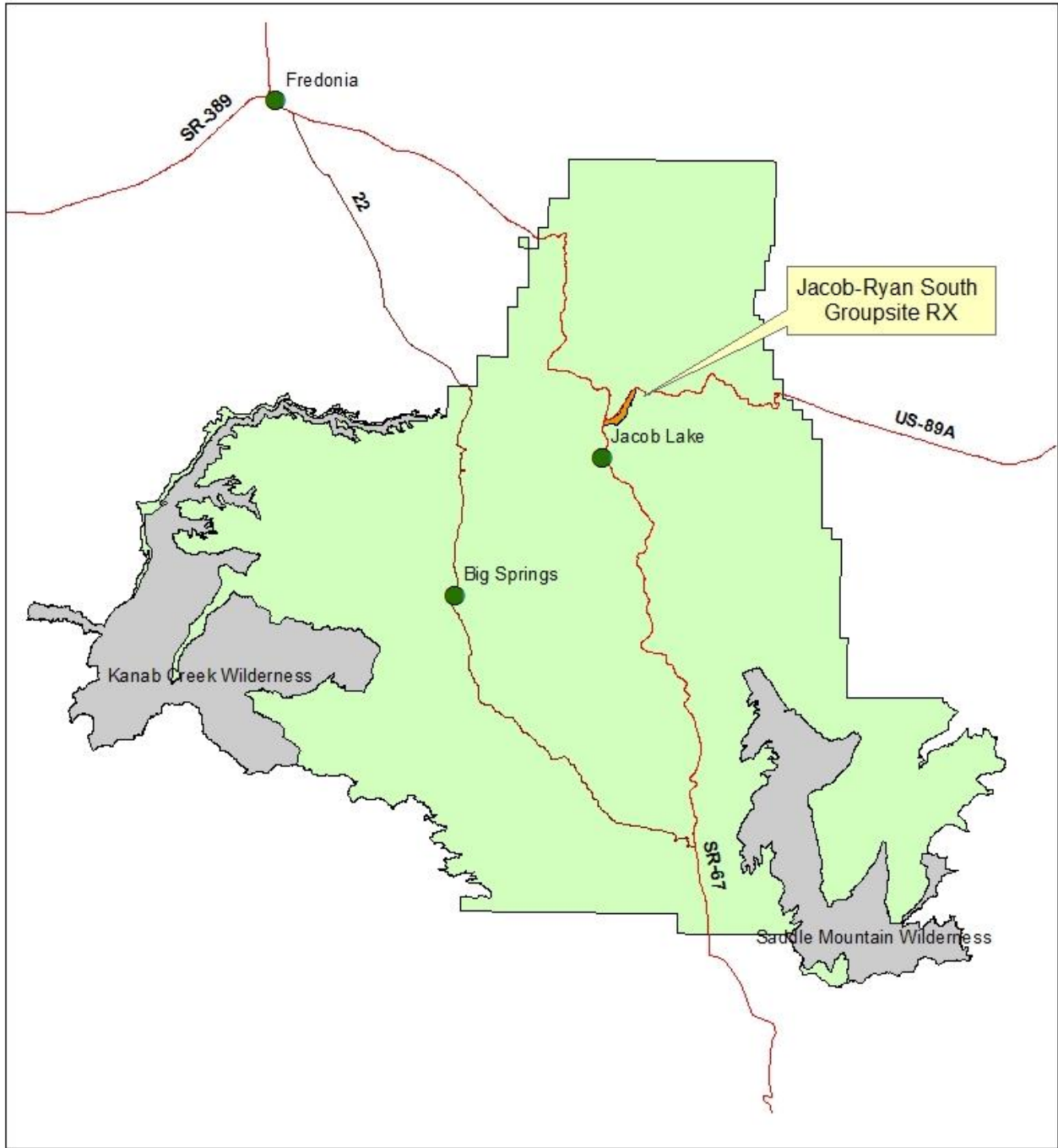
During the planning stages of any prescribed fire, fire managers carefully develop a prescribed fire burn plan and implement the prescribed fire treatment only when environmental conditions are ideal to assuring firefighter and visitor safety and only upon approval of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

“These treatments are necessary to reduce hazardous fuels accumulation in the forest and protect the community from the threat of future large fires,” said North Zone Fuels Specialist Dave Robinson. “We understand that smoke created while we accomplish this may impact people in the Jacob Lake vicinity, and we do our best to keep the public informed of our plans and activities, particularly those who may have sensitivities to smoke.”

Objectives specific to this season’s prescribed treatments include improving the defensible space in the Wildland/Urban Interface within the NKRD developed areas, expediting the development of northern goshawk habitat, increasing landscape resilience to wildfire, insects and disease, returning fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem, improving forest health and sustainability and enhancing public safety.

Visitors are cautioned that they may see fire personnel and fire vehicles in the vicinity when any prescribed fire is being implemented, and are reminded to drive slowly, turn on headlights, and avoid stopping in areas where fire personnel are working.

For more information on smoke and air quality, please visit www.azdeq.gov or wildlandfire.az.gov.



Jacob-Ryan South RX
 Groupsite
 North Kaibab Ranger District
 471 Acres



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