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Prescribed burns planned for next week on Coconino NF

Flagstaff, Ariz., Nov. 3, 2017, For Immediate Release — Several prescribed burn projects are being planned for next week on the Coconino National Forest, which will include the Flagstaff and Mogollon Rim ranger districts.

Uncertain weather patterns and winds forecasted on the Coconino National Forest next week make it difficult to predict which prescribed burn area is the most favorable for operations. So fire managers have given a list of potential burn areas likely to fit the burning prescription. The Coconino National forest will update the public before operations begin each day.

Prescribed burns are always dependent upon weather and wind conditions, which can differ drastically across the forest. Prescribed burns are also subject to approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, so all or some of these burns could be canceled if conditions are not suitable.

FLAGSTAFF RANGER DISTRICT

Horseshoe - Slate Project

When: Planned ignition will be Tuesday (Nov. 7) at about 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is two to three days.

Where: The burn area is approximately seven miles east of Kendrick Mountain, north of the San Francisco Peaks. (35°25'38.42"N, 111°41'4.46"W)

Size: Approximately 2,045 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke impacts are possible in areas such as Snowbowl Estates, U.S. Highway 180 and state Route 89A, as well as the communities of Cameron, Tuba City, Wupatki National Monument and the Little Colorado River Valley.

Horseshoe – Wild Bill North Project

When: Planned ignition will be Wednesday (Nov. 8) at about 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is two days.

Where: The burn area is approximately 16 miles northwest of Flagstaff, southeast of Kendrick Mountain.

(35°22'11.36"N, 111°49'30.82"W)

Size: Approximately 1,500 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke impacts are possible in areas such as Crowley Park, Kendrick Park, Snowbowl Estates, U.S. Highway 180 and state Route 89A, as well as the communities of Cameron, Tuba City, Wupatki National Monument and the Little Colorado River Valley.

Horseshoe – Kendrick Project

When: Planned ignition will be Thursday (Nov. 9) at about 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is one day.

Where: The burn area is approximately 17 miles north of Bellemont, northeast of Kendrick Mountain.

(35°28'14.91"N, 111°49'35.19"W)

Size: Approximately 500 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke impacts are possible in areas such as Snowbowl Estates, U.S. Highway 180 and state Route 89A, as well as the communities of Cameron, Tuba City, Wupatki National Monument and the Little Colorado River Valley.

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT

Blue Ridge Urban Interface Project

When: Ignitions for the Blue Ridge Urban Interface Project begin Monday (Nov. 6) at approximately 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is one day.

Where: The burn area is 10 miles northeast of Clint's Well, along state Route 87, using Forest Roads 95,

513, local topography and FR 6068A as boundaries. (34°37'44.39"N, 111° 9'34.18"W)

Size: Approximately 1,100 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may impact local communities such as Clear Creek Pines Units 3-7 and motorists on state Route 87. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle in the Happy Jack area and drain down nearby canyons.

Clint's Well Project

When: Ignitions for the Clint's Well Project begin Tuesday (Nov. 7) at approximately 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is one day.

Where: The burn area is three miles northeast of Clint's Well, east of Lake Mary Road, using Forest Roads 136, 6105, local topography and FR 6294 as boundaries. (<u>34°36'33.10"N, 111°19'11.98"W</u>) **Size:** Approximately 450 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may impact local communities such as Clear Creek Pines Unit 1 and motorists on Lake Mary road. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle in the Long Valley Draw, Clear Creek Unit 2, Happy Jack area and drain down nearby canyons.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed burns are provided regularly by news releases throughout the season and also by the following online resources:

- Sign up to receive news releases from Coconino NF: <u>www.fs.fed.us/news/subscription.shtml</u>
- Coconino NF's Inciweb page: <u>http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/</u> (under Fall 2017 prescribed burns)
- Coconino NF's Twitter account: <u>www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF</u>
- Coconino NF public website: <u>www.coconinonationalforest.us</u> (Under News and Events)
- Coconino NF's Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/coconinonf</u>



Flagstaff Ranger Station: (928) 526-0866 Mogollon Rim Ranger Station: (928) 477-2255 Red Rock Ranger Station: (928) 282-4119



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