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## Mogollon Rim Ranger District plans prescribed burns next week

**Clints Well, Ariz., Dec. 8, 2017, For Immediate Release** — Fire managers are planning to conduct a 450- and a 500-acre prescribed burn next week at the Blue Ridge Urban Interface project and at the Victorine project the day of each operation is dependent on the local weather and wind conditions.

The burn area for the BRUI is located south of state Route 87 ([34°36'57.98"N, 111° 9'43.22"W](#)) and will use Forest Road 513 and local topography as boundaries. This project totals approximately 450 acres. When the fire managers move operations to the Victorine project ([34°29'7.76"N, 111° 7'5.19"W](#)), five miles north of Knoll Lake, the burn area will use FR 137, 666, and local topography as boundaries. This project totals approximately 500 acres.

Smoke from the BRUI is predicted to move toward the southwest which may impact local communities within the Blue Ridge area, SR 87, Pine and Strawberry. Smoke from the operation at the Victorine is predicted to move northeast which may impact local communities within the Blue Ridge area, SR 87, Leonard Canyon and East Clear Creek. Cooling temperatures in the evening may cause smoke to settle in the Happy Jack area, Blue Ridge community areas and drain down nearby canyons.

Prescribed burns are always dependent upon approval from Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, weather, wind and fire prescription. Burning can be canceled if proper conditions are not met.

The public can view approved prescribed burns on ADEQ's website at [smoke.azdeq.gov](http://smoke.azdeq.gov). Approval for a burn operation on the Coconino National Forest begins with the forest's identifier "COF."

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: [www.fs.fed.us/news/subscription.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/news/subscription.shtml)
- Coconino NF's Inciweb page: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/> (under Fall 2017 prescribed burns)
- Coconino NF's Twitter account: [www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF](http://www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF)
- Coconino NF public website: [www.coconinonationalforest.us](http://www.coconinonationalforest.us) (Under News and Events)
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