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Prescribed pile burns near Happy Jack Wednesday

Happy Jack, Ariz., Dec. 13, 2016, For Immediate Release — Hand thinning of trees throughout the Coconino National Forest has produced piles of branches, which will be burned this week in the Stoneman Lake area of the Mogollon Rim Ranger District.

The pile burns will be three miles east of Stoneman Lake Road, near Lake Mary Road and six miles southeast of Clints Well near the Mogollon Rim. The prescribed pile burns will begin around 10 a.m. and continue through the afternoon, with smoke is predicted to move toward the northeast.

Smoke will impact areas near the pile burns and could also impact Lake Mary Road in the area of the burns. It could also be visible to those traveling along the rim or in the Stoneman Lake area. These burns are no expected to reduce driver's visibility on any of the highways in the area.

The public and media can get quick notification of when a prescribed burn or any other activity is happening on the Coconino National Forest by following us on Twitter at <u>www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF.</u> When ignition of a prescribed burn begins, we update our Twitter account so the public can know why smoke is in the air and where it is coming from.

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

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- Inciweb: <u>http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/</u>
- Twitter: <u>www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF</u>
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