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Howard Project prescribed burn update for tomorrow

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., April 4, 2018, For Immediate Release — Fire managers on the Coconino National Forest have decided to burn a 200 acre area immediately south of Mountainaire tomorrow (April 5) to add more defensible space for this community.

With prescription criteria within the parameters needed for burning in the Mountainaire area, a 200 acre area of land needing fire treatment immediately south of Pawnee and Bannock Streets (35°04'31.6"N, 111°39'35.0"W) will be lit tomorrow morning sometime after 8 a.m.

Smoke from the burn is predicted to move toward the east and northeast which may impact local communities such as east Flagstaff and motorists on Lake Mary Road. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle in the Lake Mary areas, Doney Park, Walnut Canyon or drain down other nearby areas.

Prescribed burns are always dependent upon meeting the prescription, goals, Arizona

Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) approval and weather conditions. If any of these factors are
not suitable it could cause any burn project to be canceled.

The public can view approved prescribed burns on ADEQ's website at smoke.azdeq.gov. Burns on the Coconino National Forest begins with the forest's designator "COF."

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

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- Coconino NF's Inciweb page: http://inciweb.nwcg.gov
- Coconino NF's Twitter account: <u>www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF</u>
- Coconino NF public website: www.coconinonationalforest.us (Under News and Events)
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