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Fire managers alter prescribed burn plans for week

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., April 16, 2018, For Immediate Release — Coconino National Forest fire managers have scaled back several burn projects this week due to weather conditions and resource availability, while focusing on one prescribed burn in the Flagstaff area and another near Buck Mountain tomorrow.

The Upper Lake Mary Project and Upper Beaver Creek Project will begin tomorrow morning while winds and conditions are favorable. Other prescribed burns that were planned for Wednesday, such as the A1 Mountain Project and Kendrick Project, have been cancelled until conditions are better.

The following burn projects could be cancelled if conditions change, and determination of beginning the burns will be made Tuesday morning after checking weather conditions and conducting test ignitions.

FLAGSTAFF RANGER DISTRICT

Upper Lake Mary Project

When: Planned ignition will be Tuesday (April 17), typically beginning about 8 a.m. Duration of this project will be one day.

Where: Approximately 4 miles directly north of Mormon Lake. ([35°00'55.3"N 111°27'48.9"W](#))

Size: 1,100 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: The Arizona Trail will be rerouted in the area where the burn will be taking place and signs will be posted for hikers showing the reroute.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may be seen by motorists on Lake Mary Road and Interstate 40 north of the burn. Smoke may settle in the local area and low lying areas near the burn, including Walnut Canyon National Monument, the next morning. It is predicted to disperse by the following afternoon.

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT

Upper Beaver Creek Project (Buck Mountain area)

When: Planned ignition will be Tuesday (April 17). Ignitions will begin around 9 a.m. and the duration of this project has been scaled back to one day.

Where: Approximately 22 miles east of Montezuma's Castle National Monument and near Buck Mountain Lookout ([34°41'58.2"N 111°26'45.4"W](#)). This prescribed burn will be conducted across Buck Mountain, Buck Butte and further west outside of Wet Beaver Wilderness.

Size: 1,500 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may impact Mormon Lake communities to the north and the Discovery Channel Telescope to the east. Smoke may be seen from Lake Mary Road and I-17. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle and drain down nearby canyons.

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