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Prescribed burns planned for this week on Coconino NF

Flagstaff, Ariz., Oct. 30, 2017, For Immediate Release — Two prescribed burn projects are planned this week on the Coconino National Forest, which will include the Flagstaff and Mogollon Rim ranger districts.

Favorable weather and ventilation is forecasted during daytime hours, with winds predicted to transport and disperse smoke toward the northeast.

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 Project

When: Planned ignition will be Wednesday at about 9 a.m. The estimated duration of this project is two to three days (Nov.1-3).

Where: The burn area is approximately three miles east of Kendrick Park, north of the San Francisco Peaks. (35°25'36.4"N 111°41'03.3"W)

Size: Approximately 2,400 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 and the Little Colorado River Valley.

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT

Sawmill Project

When: Ignitions for the Sawmill Project begin Wednesday evening (Nov. 1) at approximately 6 p.m. The estimated duration of this project is one day.

Where: The burn area is seven miles southeast of Mormon Lake, east of Lake Mary Road, using Forest Roads 638, 124H, 92C, local topography and FR 6045 as boundaries. (34°49'05.6"N, 111°22'32.4"W)

Size: 750 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may impact local communities such as Mormon Lake Village and motorists on Lake Mary Road. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle in the 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: 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
- Coconino NF public website: www.coconinonationalforest.us, (Under News and Events)
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