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Fires Managed for Resource Benefit Grow

WILLIAMS, AZ – With drier conditions moving into the area, fire managers expect the three fires managed for resource benefits to continue to grow. "To keep ahead of fire growth, we are planning several hundred acres of managed ignitions around critical areas and perimeters" says Assistant Fire Management Officer, Josh Miller. Variable winds, precipitation, and management tactics can also change the amount of visible smoke each day. Crews consistently monitor smoke and try, when possible, to limit impacts to residents and communities.

Williams Ranger District: Currently 20 acres in size, the Sitgreaves Fire is located approximately 5 miles northwest of Parks, AZ. Today fire will continue to back down the western slope as well as to the south. To plan for fire growth, officials have identified a specific planning area of approximately 14,800 acres in which the fire could spread. Smoke may be highly visible from I-40.

Currently 3 acres in size, the Duck Fire is located approximately 3 miles northwest of Parks, AZ. Due to constant moisture, fire growth and behavior has been limited.

Tusayan Ranger District: Currently 205 acres in size, the McRae Fire is located approximately 5 miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ. To plan for fire growth, officials have identified a specific planning area of approximately 11,000 acres in which the fire could spread. Today crews are planning 300 acres of managed ignitions as needed within the planning area. Smoke may become highly visible from Highway 64.

While varying monsoonal precipitation and winds are likely to change fire behavior and growth over the next several days, general fire behavior is anticipated to be low to moderate intensity.

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Afternoon smoke from the Sitgreaves Fire moves along the Spring Valley area north of Parks, AZ on July 16, 2014

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