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News Release

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Prescribed burn planned for Thursday north of Flagstaff

Flagstaff, Ariz., March 15, 2016, For Immediate Release — Fire managers are planning a prescribed burn on Thursday in an area northeast of the San Francisco Peaks between Forest Road 418 and U.S. Route 89.

The Pete project will burn approximately 250 acres in order to reduce accumulations of forest fuels, as well as reintroduce fire into the Ponderosa pine ecosystem. Smoke is expected to rise and move west as it dissipates. Smoke will be visible to those in surrounding communities such as Doney Park, Flagstaff and motorists along U.S. Route 89 traveling near the Sunset Crater area. Areas such as Doney Park may experience light smoke impacts in the evening.

All prescribed burns are dependent upon weather conditions, personnel availability and forest conditions and can be cancelled and rescheduled for a later time.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed burns are provided regularly throughout the season. The public can find this information online through several resources:

- Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/>
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF
- Coconino website: www.coconinonationalforest.us, (Under News and Events)

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