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# News Release

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## Pile burn activity resumes near Jacob Lake

**Fredonia, Ariz., Jan. 31, 2019 — For Immediate Release.** Firefighters plan to burn piles on the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest today through Friday. Ignitions began this morning and are anticipated to last one to two days. Meanwhile, fire managers will continue to monitor conditions and evaluate additional opportunities to initiate more pile burning in other locations throughout the district, weather permitting.

From October through December, fire managers burned approximately 750 acres of piles to reduce hazardous fuels that if left untreated could threaten a high severity, high-intensity wildfire once warmer, dryer weather arrives. Visitors are reminded that during and for several hours following ignitions, smoke may be present on roadways in short durations. Drivers should use caution, drive slowly, turn on headlights, and avoid stopping in areas where fire personnel is working.

**General Information:** Implementation of any prescribed fire, including a pile burn, is dependent on weather and fuel conditions including winds, temperature, humidity, the moisture of vegetation, and ventilation conditions for dispersal of smoke. All prescribed fires are subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. For additional information on the Smoke Management Division or to view prescribed burn authorizations for any given day, visit <https://smoke.azdeq.gov/>.

No road or trail closures are expected. However, in the interest of safety, visitors are always reminded to use caution when traveling in the vicinity of prescribed fires, as firefighters, fire-related traffic, and smoke may all be present.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed fires are provided regularly throughout the year. Members of the public can find this information through the following sources:

- Fire Information Recorded Hotline: 928-635-8311
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/KaibabNF](https://www.twitter.com/KaibabNF)
- Kaibab website "Recent News": [www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab](http://www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab)
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