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Prescribed burns planned this week on Coconino NF

Flagstaff, Ariz., Apr. 18, 2016, For Immediate Release — Fire managers are planning several prescribed burns this week to reintroduce fire into the Ponderosa pine ecosystem and reduce forest fuel accumulation in strategic areas around northern Arizona communities.

The public and media can get quick notification of when a prescribed burn or any other activity is happening on the Coconino National Forest by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF. When ignition of a prescribed burn begins, we update our Twitter account so the public can know why smoke is in the air and where it is coming from.

Eastside Project: Planned ignition will be Wednesday (April 20), depending on weather and wind conditions in the area. The burn includes 500 acres southeast of Flagstaff, near Pine Canyon subdivision and the Heckethorn community off Lake Mary Road. Smoke is predicted to disperse to the east and will be very visible to those in the Flagstaff area but is not predicted to impact Flagstaff.

Clints Project: Planned ignition will be Wednesday (April 20) and is located about five miles north of Clints Well. This burn includes up to 1,100 acres, and the amount of burning will depend on conditions and the weather. The burn may be split up so that 600 acres are completed on Wednesday and the following 500 acres on Thursday. Good ventilation is expected to push smoke to the east during the day and will be visible to residents in the immediate area and motorists along Lake Mary Road in that area and state Route 87.

Lake Mary Project: Planned ignition will be Thursday or Friday (April 21 or 22) if conditions are suitable for burning and weather allows. This burn includes approximately 500 acres located about five miles southeast of Flagstaff near Lower Lake Mary. Smoke should move toward the north/northeast and could impact motorists along Lake Mary Road.

Pete Project: Planned ignition will be Thursday or Friday (April 21 or 22) if conditions are suitable for burning and weather allows. This burn includes approximately 300 acres located about two miles north of San Francisco Peaks and four miles west of U.S. Route 89. Good ventilation is expected to push smoke to the north/northeast during the day and will be visible to residents in the immediate area and motorists along U.S Routes 89 and 180.

Notifications of upcoming prescribed burns are provided regularly by news releases throughout the season and by the following online 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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