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Firefighters respond to wildfire start in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Dec. 17, 2018, For Immediate Release — Coconino National Forest firefighters are responding to a wildfire in the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness approximately [15 miles northwest of Sedona](#), which was reported yesterday at 1:30 p.m.

The Winter Fire is currently estimated at about 50 acres with a moderate rate of spread and is burning on an eastern slope of the wilderness area 2 miles west of [Turkey Butte Lookout](#).

An engine and several members of the Flagstaff Hotshots are on scene and working to suppress the fire. Smoke will be evident to people in the surrounding area, and burnout operations may produce more smoke that may be visible from Sedona and Flagstaff.

Sycamore Canyon will likely experience smoke impacts during the evening hours and tomorrow morning, as smoke from the Winter Fire will settle and drain south down the canyon. Areas such as Clarkdale and Cottonwood may also experience some smoke impacts as the smoke drains down the canyon.

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