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Williams Ranger District announces plans to begin fall prescribed burning

Williams, Ariz., July 27, 2016—For Immediate Release. Fire managers on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest have completed plans for the 2016 fall and 2017 spring prescribed fire burning seasons and are planning to begin working as early as mid-August on several projects. The specific units to be ignited will be chosen based on fuel moistures and weather conditions that are within prescriptive levels that meet fuels reduction objectives.

The flowing project areas are planned for treatments:

Green Base Dry Lake Project: Ten burn units northeast of Williams, approximately 9,040 acres.

Green Base Parks West Project: Four burn units east of Williams, approximately 5,141 acres.

McCracken East Project: Two burn units south of Williams, approximately 839 acres.

McCracken West Prescribed Fire: Four burn units south of Williams, approximately 1,693 acres.

Kendrick Prescribed Fire: Six burn units northeast of Williams approximately 2,497 acres.

Fire plays a beneficial role in maintaining the ecological stability of many landscapes including the Kaibab National Forest. Managers use prescribed fire as a practical means to reduce risks associated with uncharacteristic wildfires that can pose significant threats to public health and safety.

Officials recognize that impacts to air quality may be unpleasant at times, however they can significantly reduce the amount and limit the duration of smoke more effectively using prescribed methods than in an uncontrolled wildfire situation. Furthermore, fire managers will remain cognizant of wind direction and ventilation with the intent to minimize smoke impacts to businesses and residences.

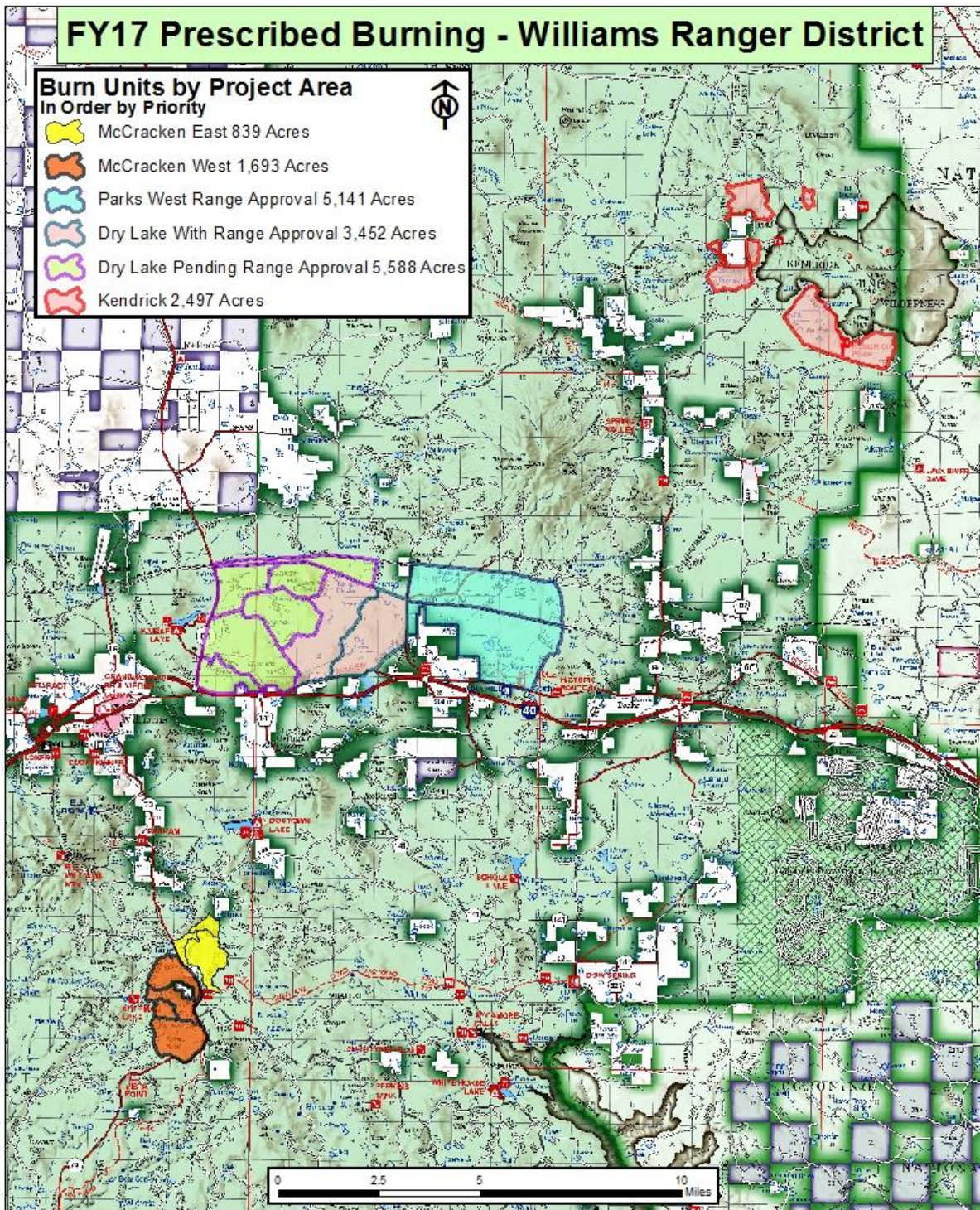
During operations, fire personnel and vehicles working in these vicinities will be visible to the public. Motorists are reminded to slow down and drive with heightened caution when passing through active project areas.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. For additional information on the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ and to view prescribed burns authorizations, please visit <http://www.azdeq.gov/enviro/air/smoke/index.html>. Additional fire information for Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources: InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4112/>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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FY17 Prescribed Burning - Williams Ranger District

- Burn Units by Project Area
In Order by Priority**
- McCracken East 839 Acres
 - McCracken West 1,693 Acres
 - Parks West Range Approval 5,141 Acres
 - Dry Lake With Range Approval 3,452 Acres
 - Dry Lake Pending Range Approval 5,588 Acres
 - Kendrick 2,497 Acres



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