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Two prescribed burns planned this week on Coconino NF

Clints Well, Ariz., May 1, 2017, For Immediate Release — The following prescribed burns are planned for the week of May 1-5 on the Coconino National Forest.

These prescribed burns are conducted in order to help protect communities from severe wildfires by reducing forest fuel accumulation in strategic areas around northern Arizona communities, and also reintroduce fire into the Ponderosa pine ecosystem to help restore ecological integrity.

All of the listed projects may not be pursued, as all prescribed burns are dependent upon weather and wind conditions, which can differ drastically across the forest. Prescribed burns area also subject to approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, so all or some of them could be cancelled if conditions are not suitable.

FLAGSTAFF RANGER DISTRICT

A1 Mountain Project (between Bellemont and Flagstaff)

When: Planned ignition will be Wednesday (May 3). Ignitions typically begin between 8:30-9:30 a.m. and duration is expected to be one day. This project was originally planned for last week but was cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Where: Approximately one mile west of Flagstaff, north of I-40.

Size: 500 acres.

Closures/Restrictions: None expected

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may be seen by motorist on I-40, Highway 180 and on the west side of Flagstaff. Smoke may settle in the areas of Bellemont, Baderville, Flagstaff and Doney Park during the cooler evening hours and the following morning hours. It is predicted to disperse by the following afternoon.

MOGOLLON RIM RANGER DISTRICT

Jacks Canyon Project (Buck Mountain area)

When: Ignitions for this project began this morning at 9:30 a.m. The duration of this project will be approximately two to three days.

Where: About 15 miles directly south of Mormon Lake.

Size: 1,300 acres in total, broken into manageable blocks each day.

Closures/Restrictions: None.

Smoke Impacts: Smoke is predicted to move toward the east/northeast and may impact the Discovery Channel Telescope. Smoke may be seen from Lake Mary Road and I-17. Cooling temperatures in the evenings may cause smoke to settle and drain down nearby canyons.

RED ROCK RANGER DISTRICT

Nothing planned for this week.

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

- Sign up to receive news releases from Coconino NF: www.fs.fed.us/news/subscription.shtml
- Coconino NF's Inciweb page: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/303/>
- Coconino NF's Twitter account: www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF
- Coconino NF public website: www.coconinonationalforest.us, (Under News and Events)
- Coconino NF's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/coconinonf

For information on possible road closures or road restrictions associated with prescribed burns, please visit www.az511.gov.

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