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Prescribed Fires Planned to Begin Sunday on Williams Ranger District

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Due to the significant amount of moisture received over the last month, conditions on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest are appropriate for fire managers to continue treatment of the 3,339-acre Kendrick Prescribed Fire project northeast of Williams and the 2,532-acre McCracken Prescribed Fire project south of Williams.

Above normal precipitation and cooler temperatures have produced ideal conditions to continue with treatments such as reducing hazardous fuels in both these areas. Ignitions may take place on several days but will only occur when weather and fuel conditions are within prescriptive levels.

During prescribed fire operations, community members and visitors may see fire personnel and vehicles in the vicinity. Smoke may also be present and may result in short-duration impacts to populated areas.

Prescribed fires are essential tools for restoring the forests in a fire-adapted ecosystem, and smoke is an unavoidable byproduct of these efforts. Fire managers strive to minimize smoke impacts to the community as much as possible. Burns occur when winds and other atmospheric conditions will push the majority of smoke away from homes and ultimately limit the number of days smoke is in the air.

All prescribed burning on the Kaibab National Forest is subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and appropriate weather conditions. For additional information on the Smoke Management Division of the ADEQ and to view prescribed burns authorized on any given day, please visit <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/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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