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# News Release



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## Alpine Ranger District burning slash piles

**SPRINGERVILLE, AZ**, February 26, 2018 – The Alpine Ranger District on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is planning to burn slash piles throughout the week starting February 27. The district plans to burn five units just south and east of Hulsey Lake, on Forest Road 8056, and north of Arizona State Highway 180/191, totaling 200 acres. Two other units totaling approximately 354 acres are located just north of Hulsey Lake, north of Forest Road 8056 and north of Arizona State Highway 180/191.

Ignitions will occur throughout the morning to minimize the adverse effects of smoke on the local communities. Smoke may be visible from Nutrioso and Alpine, along portions of Arizona State Highway 180/191, and Forest Road 8056. Motorists are advised to drive safely as smoke may limit visibility.

All prescribed burns are approved through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) before ignition begins. The ADEQ monitors air quality and determines whether or not it will be a good day for smoke dispersion. Although smoke from prescribed fire can still be noticeable, it is usually for a shorter time and considerably less smoke than wildfires produce. If you are sensitive to smoke or have respiratory problems, stay indoors if possible.

Pile burning allows land managers to reduce forest fuels and provide communities with increased protection from future wildfires.

*Questions or concerns contact the Alpine Ranger District at 928-339-5000 or visit the ASNFs website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/asnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf)*

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