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Williams Ranger District To Continue Pile Burning Next Week

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Kaibab National Forest fire crews will continue burning piles in various locations on the Williams Ranger District next week.

Specifically, fire managers will burn 204 acres of piles in the Duck Lake area, which is located about a mile northeast of Pittman Valley. Crews also plan to treat 150 acres of piles at the base of Bill Williams Mountain in an area stretching from Benham Trailhead to Ski Run Road (Forest Road 106).

Slash piles are made up of stacked tree slash cut during thinning projects and timber harvest operations. The goal of both the tree removal work and the pile burning is to remove fuels in the forest in order to lessen the potential intensity of a wildfire.

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 for any given day, visit <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air/smoke/index.html>.

For additional information regarding the Williams Ranger District pile burns, contact Jeff Sanocki, fuels technician, at (928) 635-5658.

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