Flying J Prescribed Fire

Kaibab National Forest

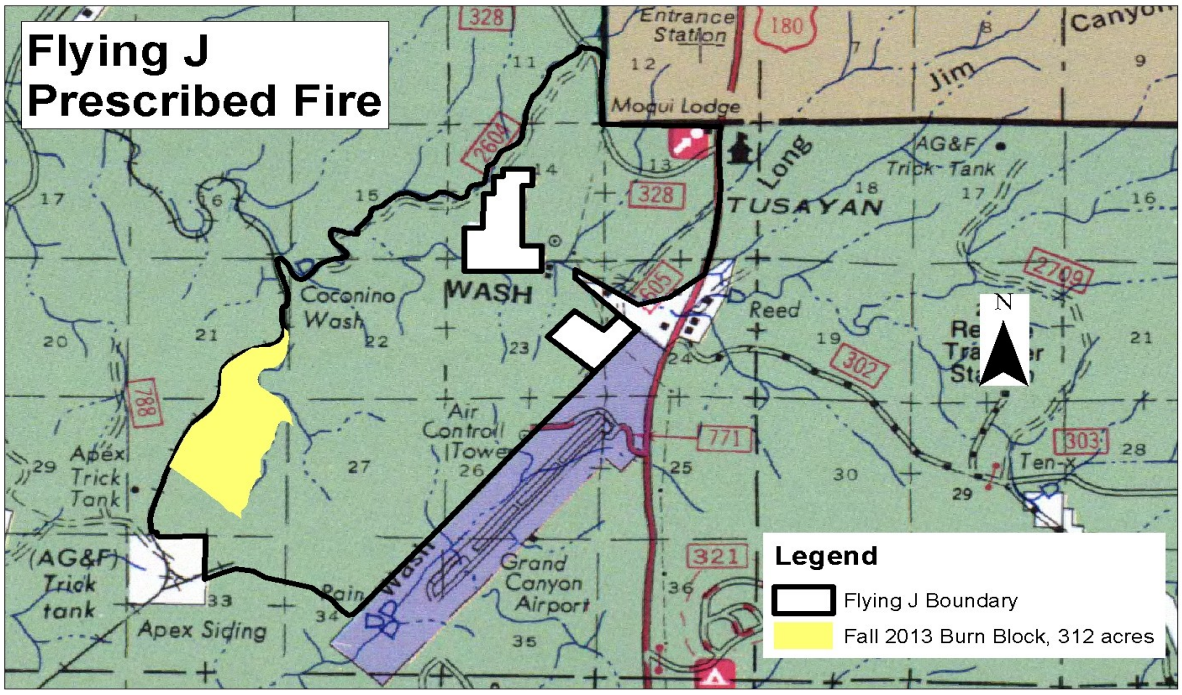
What do I need to know?

Thank you for your interest in the Kaibab National Forest! In Fall 2013, the Forest Service plans to ignite the Flying J prescribed (Rx) fire, located 3 miles southwest of Tusayan, AZ west of Highway 64. The Rx project area covers 312 acres. Work will include hand ignition, dozer and handline work, and various personnel.

Primary Focus

The primary focus of the Rx fire is to restore the area to a resilient and sustainable condition by improving forest health. This fire will also promote public safety and protection of private property.

Rx Fire Map



The complete 2013 Fall Rx map, location, and news release are available online. Please visit www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab or call 928-635-8311 for more information.

Why Rx Fire Here?

- Returning fire to a fire-adapted ecosystem
- Enhancing wildlife habitat
- Protecting public safety and private property
- Promoting healthy forest vegetation
- Reduced risk of catastrophic, stand replacing fire
- Reduced meadow encroachment and forest fuel loads

Will there be smoke?

- Yes. However fire managers hope to minimize any inconvenience through careful planning and coordination with the National Weather Service and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality before and during prescribed burns.
- Conditions include correct temperature, wind, fuel moisture, ventilation, and relative humidity. When these criteria are met, crews implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets the goals and objectives outlined by managers.

Can I still hunt or camp?

- Yes. However, hunters, campers, and all forest visitors are heavily encouraged to NOT use the prescribed fire area of the forest as shown on the map (front page). Personnel and equipment will be working in this area with active fire. Large orange signage and information boards will also be posted.

Short and long-term impacts?

- During a Rx fire you may experience firefighter activity, smoke, helicopter noise, and increased USFS traffic.
- Immediately following a Rx fire, you may see a browning of lower level pine needles as the tree crown is raised. This is perfectly normal and healthy. These needles will drop leaving a raised tree crown.

24 hour a day updates?

- **Fire Information Line** at 928-635-8311
- **Inciweb** at inciweb.nwcg.gov
- **Twitter** at twitter.com/KaibabNF
- **Forest website** at www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab