News Release

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Pile Burning Planned July 22nd – 28th in the Prescott Basin

Prescott, AZ (July 20, 2017) — With the arrival of monsoon rain showers, fire managers plan to continue fuels treatment in the Prescott Basin. Pile Burning will start on Saturday, July 22nd and continue through Friday, July 28th; pending favorable weather conditions.

Burning of debris left over from thinning projects require moisture in the surrounding vegetation and typically produces much lighter smoke than broadcast burning. Pile burning is one piece of the ongoing fuels reduction work in the Prescott basin. Benefits of these treatments include reduction of hazardous fuels, to reduce the risk of future catastrophic fire, and promote a heathier ecosystem.

Spence Springs - Piles are located south of Iron Spring Road and northwest of Thumb Butte (T14N, R3W, S26).

Loba - Piles are located south of Prescott; east of Goldwater Lake (T13N, R2W, S23).

During ignition operations, smoke may be visible from communities that are in proximity of the piles. In the event that smoke is encountered on travel ways, motorists are advised to reduce travel speeds and turn lights on.

All prescribed fires activity is dependent on the availability of personnel and equipment, weather, fuels and conditions that minimize smoke impacts as best as possible and approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (www.azdeq.gov).

The public can obtain additional fire information via the following:
- Prescott NF Forest Website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/
- Twitter: @PrescottNF
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/PrescottNF/
- Fire Information: (928) 925-1111