

Region 3, Prescott National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Debris Pile Burning Continues in the Prescott Basin

PRESCOTT, AZ, November 28, 2022 - Fire managers on the Bradshaw Ranger District have cancelled ignition plans for the Ranch Prescribed Fire (RX), however ignitions can still be expected to begin on Monday November 28, 2022, as fire crews continue to target debris piles south of the Lynx Lake area and throughout the Prescott Basin. Smoke production will be highly visible from multiple locations including Chino Valley, Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt but should be short in duration.

Fire managers on the Verde Ranger District have also cancelled prescribed fire operations for the Springs/Strawberry RX on Mingus Mountain, these burns were scheduled to begin Thursday December 1, 2022.

In the interest of safety, forest visitors are reminded to obey all traffic signs and use caution when traveling in the vicinity of the prescribed burn as firefighters and fire-related traffic will be in the area.

The purpose of this project is to reduce hazardous fuels following thinning and fuelwood removal activities. Reducing hazardous fuels will help reduce the threat of high-severity, high-intensity wildfire to the public, adjacent private property, and communities. Burning of debris left over from brush crush and thinning projects requires moisture in the surrounding vegetation and typically produces much lighter smoke than broadcast burning.

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

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