



Region 3, Prescott National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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### **Broadcast Burning Planned on the Bradshaw Ranger District (Ponderosa Park) Oct. 23-29, 2025**

*Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work*

**PRESCOTT, AZ, Oct. 22, 2025** — Fire managers on the Prescott National Forest plan to conduct prescribed fire operations burning debris piles from hazardous fuels reduction and thinning projects in the Prescott Basin (Ponderosa Park), on the Bradshaw Ranger District.

Ignitions are planned to start as early as Thursday, Oct. 23 and continue through Wednesday, October 29, if conditions remain favorable.

The recent arrival of rains and seasonable fall temperatures to the area has provided favorable conditions to allow for broadcast burning in numerous areas across the forest. Expect smoke impacts to be light and visible from multiple locations including Prescott and surrounding areas. As nighttime temperatures cool, smoke may linger in drainages and valleys. Go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/> to find more detailed information about air quality. In the interest of safety, forest visitors are reminded to obey traffic signs and use caution when driving in the Ponderosa Park area and Highway 89 south of Ponderosa Park Rd.

All prescribed fire activity is dependent on the availability of personnel and equipment, weather, fuels, and approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ([www.azdeq.gov](http://www.azdeq.gov)).

Prescott National Forest's land management strategy is centered on long-term forest health and reducing forest fuels. Prescribed fire with low to moderate fire behavior can reduce hazardous fuels and increase forest and community resilience. In the wildland-urban interface, prescribed fire reduces the risk of wildfire to communities through hazardous fuels reduction which helps create buffer zones where we have a higher probability of safely stopping future unwanted wildfires. We would like to thank the community for its patience and understanding as we work to treat hazardous fuels and restore resilient landscapes.

For fire information please call the Bradshaw Ranger District at 928-443-8000 during regular office hours: Monday, Wednesdays, and Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm & 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm and Thursdays 11 am - 3 pm.

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