



NEWS RELEASE

TO: Flagstaff Area Media
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SUBJECT: Prescribed burns planned for Flagstaff area
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Flagstaff, Ariz., October 23, 2019, For Immediate Release — Flagstaff Fire Department fire managers are planning several prescribed burns to reintroduce fire into the Ponderosa pine forest and reduce hazardous fuel accumulation around the City of Flagstaff area.

The following prescribed burns are planned over the next two to three weeks, are dependent upon weather conditions, and may be cancelled if conditions prove unsuitable.

Fort Tuthill County Park

Where: Near I-17 and I-40.

Size: Approximately 110 acres.

Impacts: Smoke will be visible to motorists along Interstates 17 & 40, as well as residents of west Flagstaff. Dependant upon wind direction, smoke may impact Downtown Flagstaff, University Heights & Ponderosa Trails neighborhoods, west I-40 and north I-17 corridors.

Rogers Lake Natural Area

Where: Approximately 20 miles southwest of Flagstaff.

Size: Approximately 100 acres.

Impacts: Smoke may visible to motorists along Interstate 17, as well as residents of Flagstaff. Smoke impacts may affect visitors in the immediate vicinity of Rogers Lake Natural Area.

Airport RX

Where: Immediately adjacent to the Flagstaff Airport.

Size: Approximately 25 acres.

Impacts: Smoke will be visible to motorists along Lake Mary Road, I-40, I-17 as well as residents of Flagstaff. Smoke may impact Ponderosa Trails and Pine Canyon neighborhoods.

Observatory Mesa RX

Size: Approximately 250 acres

Where: Two miles due west of downtown Flagstaff on Observatory Mesa Natural Area.

Impacts: Smoke will be visible to residents of Flagstaff and motorists along West Route 66, I-40 and north highway 180. Smoke may impact much of downtown Flagstaff, Coconino Estates, Linwood Heights, Cheshire and Railroad Springs neighborhoods.

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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FlagstaffFire/>
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