

Prescribed Burn Planned for October 1-5; near the Community of Cherry

Prescott, AZ (September 27, 2013) – Fire managers on the Verde Ranger District are planning to treat approximately 220 acres of the Logan Prescribed Burn on Tuesday, October 1 through Saturday, October 5; pending favorable weather conditions. The area to be treated is south of Cherry and north of Onion Mountain; (T14N, R3E, Sec 22&27). This is the last remaining brush crush unit from the 2010 crush contract that was designed to increase protection to the community of Cherry.

Specific days to burn are determined by current and expected weather patterns. Depending on conditions, fire managers may not burn each day during the 5-day period. Predicted temperature and relative humidity forecasts are creating favorable conditions for meeting objectives that include: reducing accumulations of forest fuels, maintaining the natural role of fire in a fire-adapted ecosystem, and protection of adjacent wildland-urban interface and other critical infrastructure.

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).

Fire managers make every effort to minimize smoke impacts to the communities while continuing to address the critical need to reduce the risk of severe wildfires around those communities. Tactics to keep smoke impacts as minimal as possible include canceling approved burns when conditions aren't favorable, finding alternative uses for the debris in slash piles, timing daytime ignitions to allow the majority of smoke time to disperse prior to settling overnight, and burning larger sections at a time when conditions are favorable to reduce the overall number of days smoke is in the area.

The public can obtain additional prescribed fire information via the following:

- Prescott NF Fire Information Hotline: (928) 777-5799
- Prescott NF Forest Website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/prescott/>
- Local Ranger Stations: Bradshaw Ranger District, (928) 443-8000; Chino Valley Ranger District (928) 777-2200; Verde Ranger District (928) 567-4121

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