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Pile Burning to Resume at South Rim of Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, AZ – The National Park Service will resume burning piles of woody debris over the next few days on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The piles of debris consist of small tree branches, twigs, and needles removed during preparation of prescribed fire control lines. Pile burning is a necessary preparation for the prescribed fires scheduled for this fall at the South Rim.

Fire managers will take advantage of recent moisture to minimize the chance of fire spread and potential spotting from the small debris piles. The piles will be ignited and monitored over the next few days by firefighters until the piles are completely out.

Park visitors may see or smell smoke in the vicinity of the piles located along the west side of Highway 64 between the community of Tusayan and the southern boundary of Grand Canyon National Park. There may also be several piles ignited near the Maintenance Facility Building along Shuttle Bus Road within Grand Canyon National Park. Signs will be posted advising visitors and motorists of possible smoke along impacted travel corridors.

For more information on this debris burning project, please contact Art Gonzales at 928-638-7947.

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