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Pile Burning Planned for North Rim of Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service is making plans to burn piles of woody debris on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park over the course of the next 30 days.

The debris piles are in various locations across the north rim, including near Highway 67 and the North Rim developed area. They 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 being planned for late fall and early spring.

The piles will be ignited as weather conditions allow and will be monitored by firefighters until they are completely out.

Park visitors may see or smell smoke in the vicinity of the piles. Signs will be posted advising visitors and motorists of possible smoke along impacted travel corridors. Coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality is underway to ensure that smoke impacts are minimized.

For more information on this debris burning project, please contact Aaron Fritzer, North Rim Fire Operations Supervisor, at 928-638-7949.

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