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Prescribed Fire Scheduled Near Grandview Point

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – A prescribed fire is scheduled to take place at Grand Canyon National Park on May 11 if conditions allow. The Grandview burn unit is located nine air miles southeast of Grand Canyon Village between the canyon rim and East Rim Drive. This fire is being implemented to reduce the dead and down fuels that have accumulated over the last 20 years. Such fuel accumulations on the forest floor pose a threat to fire-sensitive cultural sites in the area. The forests in this area have experienced frequent natural fire in the past and prescribed fire offers managers the opportunity to control fire behavior and smoke emissions to meet resource management objectives.

To ensure public safety, the Buggeln Picnic Area and Grandview Point Overlook will be closed to visitors during ignition and holding operations. Visitors with valid backcountry permits will be allowed access to the Grandview trailhead.

Smoke will be visible from various locations throughout the park. Smoke may impact driving conditions near the fire area. Signs and fire personnel will direct motorists if smoky driving conditions occur along East Rim Drive. Motorists should allow extra time in their travel plans to accommodate a safe and enjoyable visit.

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Forecasted winds may push smoke to the northeast during the late afternoon and evening hours with possible impacts to the Inner Canyon and the communities of Lees Ferry, Cameron, and Page, Arizona.

For additional fire information, please call 928-638-7819. You may also visit Grand Canyon's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/>.

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