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Controlled Burn Scheduled at Tuzigoot National Monument

On Tuesday, April 14, 2009, the National Park Service plans to burn 39 woody debris piles at Tuzigoot National Monument in Clarkdale, AZ. This debris was created in March of 2007, during invasive tree removal projects within the Monument along the Verde River and in Tavasci Marsh. A Prescribed Fire Crew from Saguaro National Park, with assistance from local US Forest Service crews, will conduct the burn. While the tentative date for the piles burn is Tuesday, April 14, the burn date is weather dependent, in order to meet prescription requirements mandated by the burn plan. At this time, forecasted conditions look favorable for Tuesday; however, changes may occur depending on weather. The burn is scheduled to be completed in one day, but a second day may be required. Expect the fire crews, along with two engines, to be in the area between Tavasci Marsh and the Verde River at Tuzigoot and some smoke on the day of the burn. Tavasci Marsh will be closed to the public on the burn day(s). The Tuzigoot Visitor Center and Museum, Pueblo, and Marsh Overlook Trail will be open regular hours from 8am-5pm. For more information, questions, or concerns, contact Dennis Casper, Biologist for Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot N.M., at (928) 649-6197.