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September Prescribed Burning Operations Planned for Mount Dellenbaugh and Twin Point Areas

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument fire managers are planning to conduct prescribed burning if weather and fuel conditions allow. Preparation, ignition, and monitoring of the burns are expected to begin on September 9th and run through September 27th, 2016. Dates are subject to minor changes given the variables and the dynamic nature of prescribed fires. Additional burns are planned for October.

Visitors to the area will see firefighters working alongside roads with UTVs and fire engines. Pilots need to be aware that there will be low flying fire aircraft in the area which will also be using nearby airstrips. The treatment is intended to restore fire to fire adapted ecosystems, thwart the encroachment of juniper and pinyon pine, encourage the recruitment of native grass and forb species, and increase native plant diversity.

Prescribed fires must meet certain weather-related and environmental factors prior to ignition. National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management fire staff will manage and monitor the prescribed fire activity. Smoke may be present for several days in this remote area. Smoke emissions will be managed in accordance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

No road closures are anticipated, but public access may be restricted during ignition and periods of active fire spread to ensure safety. Signs will be posted to notify the public. Please use caution when traveling in the area of the fire.

An area map, specific road information, as well as GPS coordinates for the burns are available at www.nps.gov/para/learn/news/index.htm.

Contact Jeff Axel at 435-688-3377 for more information.

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