



## Forest Service News Release

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### **Pile burning planned November 12 to December 31, 2024 in the Prescott Basin**

**PRESCOTT, AZ, November 8, 2024** - Fire Managers on the Bradshaw Ranger District plan to take advantage of the fall-like conditions and burn piles of debris in and around the Prescott Basin. Ignitions are planned to start on Tuesday, November 12, and continue through the end of the year as favorable weather conditions allow. Fire managers expect smoke impacts to be light and visible from multiple locations including Prescott, Chino Valley, and surrounding areas. Pile burning helps to reduce hazardous fuels in the wildland urban interface and increases ecosystem and community resilience.

In the interest of safety, forest visitors are reminded to obey all traffic signs and use caution when traveling in the vicinity of the pile burns as firefighters and fire-related traffic will be in the area.

The purpose of this project is to reduce hazardous fuels following thinning and fuelwood removal activities. Reducing hazardous fuels helps reduce the threat of high-severity, high-intensity wildfire to the public, adjacent private property, and area communities. Burning of debris left over from brush crush and thinning projects requires moisture in the surrounding vegetation and typically produces much lighter smoke than broadcast burning.

All prescribed fire activity is dependent on the availability of personnel and equipment, weather, fuels and conditions that minimize smoke impacts as much as possible, and approval from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ([www.azdeq.gov](http://www.azdeq.gov)).

For fire information please call Prescott National Forest Bradshaw/Chino Valley Ranger District at (928) 443-8000. Stay up to date on Prescott National Forest news by checking the [Prescott NF website](#).

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