FIRE ADVISORY

Kaibab National Forest

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3200 Acres of Prescribed Fire Planned near Williams

Williams, AZ – With favorable conditions expected to remain in place, fire managers plan to initiate prescribed fire as soon as Tuesday, October 14, 2014 in the McCracken East project areas, situated along County Road 73, approximately 4 miles south of Williams, AZ. The 2 McCracken prescribed fire planning areas, both 'East' and 'West' have a total area of approximately 3,200 acres and are divided by County Road 73. Each planning area is further broken down into smaller project areas so ignited acreage per day will vary based on the project areas selected for treatment. The McCracken West project areas are scheduled for ignitions once the eastern project areas have been successfully treated.

All prescribed fire activity is dependent on regional Forest Service approval, personnel availability, weather – including winds and ventilation, and approval from the ADEQ www.azdeq.gov.

While smoke production may be significant, managers hope to limit impact by conducting all burning operations within a projected 2 week time frame as conditions allow. Smoke is a trade-off for having a healthy forest in a fire adapted ecosystem. By reaching out to the people in our local communities, we hope to give as much advance notice as possible and minimize negative smoke impacts.

Daytime smoke is predicted to generally disperse to the northeast. Overnight smoke may settle with some impact to Williams, Sycamore Canyon, the Verde Valley, and surrounding areas. A smoke column may be highly visible from Williams and adjacent portions of I-40. Additional resources regarding smoke and air quality are available at http://wildfire.az.gov .

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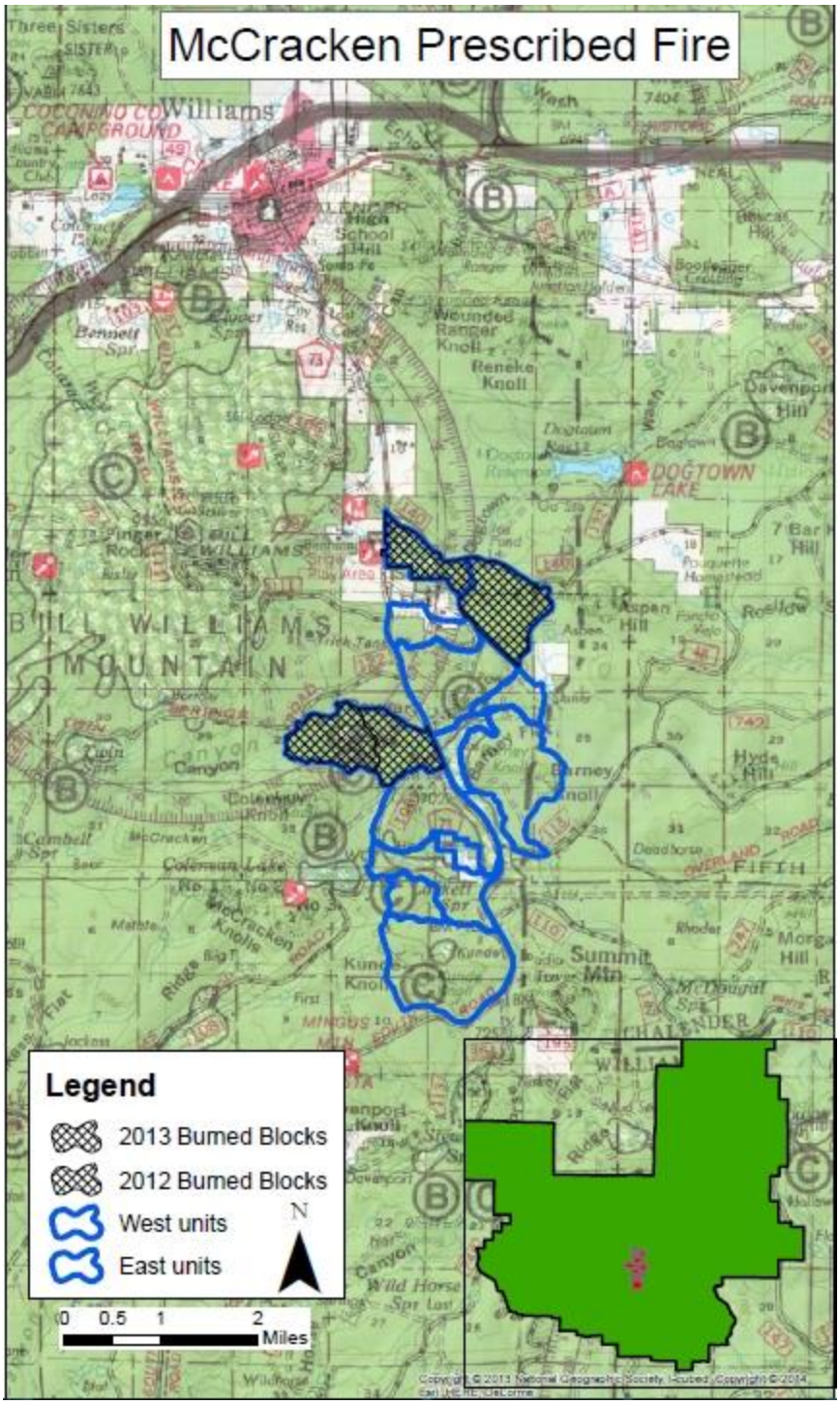

Map of the
McCracken East and West project areas located 4 miles south of Williams, AZ along County Road 73.

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