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Prescribed Fire Planned for Arizona Strip

St. George, Utah – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire managers are planning to conduct a prescribed burn in the Buckskin Mountains, approximately 20 miles east of Fredonia, Arizona. Ignition may occur as early as October 14 if weather and fuel conditions permit. The burn will be postponed or cancelled if conditions are unfavorable.

The 1280-acre Buckskin prescribed fire is being implemented to reduce fuel accumulations, decrease future wildfire risk and improve range conditions. The aerially-ignited prescribed fire is expected to burn for several days. BLM fire staff will manage and monitor the prescribed fire activity daily.

No closures are anticipated, but public access may be restricted during ignition and periods of active fire spread to ensure safety. Smoke may be present for several days and could reduce visibility along roads in this rural area. Signs will be posted to notify the public. Please use caution when travelling in the area of the fire.

Prescribed fires must meet certain weather-related and environmental factors prior to ignition. Smoke emissions will be managed in accordance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality regulations.

For more information, please call the BLM office at 435-688-3200 or 3360

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