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## Wildfire Academy Plans Prescribed Burn For Friday

**PRESCOTT, Ariz.** – Arizona Wildfire Academy officials plan to conduct a prescribed burn Friday south of Prescott near Groom Creek. Weather permitting, crews plan to treat three, one-quarter-acre blocks between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“This is an excellent training opportunity for academy students to work with and learn from highly experienced wildland firefighters,” said Tim McElwee, operations section chief for the Arizona Wildfire Academy. “The students have been in the classroom all week. This burn will give them the opportunity to apply the skills in a real-world scenario.”

About 150 firefighters from federal, state and local fire agencies will be involved in the prescribed burn. Students from beginning firefighting courses will prepare the three blocks before burning. Students in more advanced firefighting courses will ignite the burn and then remain on site to monitor and extinguish smoldering debris. Smoke from the prescribed burn may be visible to residents of the Prescott area. However, because the burn blocks are so small, smoke impacts to the local area are expected to be minimal.

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