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Fort Wainwright Yukon Training Area Stuart Creek Prescribed Burn

Ft. Wainwright, AK — The US Army Alaska through the assistance of the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, will conduct a prescribed burn in the Stuart Creek Impact Area on Fort Wainwright starting approximately May 2, 2009 as weather conditions and military training schedules allow.

The purpose of the burn is to reduce areas of trees, brush and cured grass that could ignite as a result of military training activities. Removing the fuel will increase the number of training days for the Army and will help prevent serious wildfires from occurring in the future. The additional benefit of burning these areas is to remove the vegetation for the placement of artillery targets further enhancing troop training proficiency.

Fire personnel from the Alaska Fire Service and Fort Wainwright will be present to monitor and hold the fire at fire lines and other boundaries. Smoke may be visible in and around Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright, North Pole and Eielson AFB as a result of the burning operations.

For more information about the prescribed fire, contact the BLM Alaska Fire Service Dispatch in Fairbanks at 356-5554 or the Fire Information Office at the Alaska Fire Service, 907-356-5511.

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