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Fort Wainwright Yukon Training Area Prescribed Burns

Ft. Wainwright, AK — The US Army Alaska, with the assistance of the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service (AFS) will conduct prescribed burns in the Yukon Training Area on Fort Wainwright training land south and east of Fairbanks. The burns will include a broadcast burn to burn dry grass and several woody debris piles.

The prescribed burns could occur any time between September 17 and December 1, 2009, as weather conditions, air quality and military training schedules allow.

The purpose of the burns is to reduce areas of cured grass and woody debris piles that could ignite as a result of military training activities. The ranges in the Yukon Training Area are critical for enhancing Army and Air Force mission training. Removing the fuel now will increase the number of training days for the Army and will help prevent serious wildfires from occurring in the future.

Fire personnel from AFS 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 burns, contact the BLM AFS Information Office at 907-356-5511, or AFS Dispatch at 907-356-5554.

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