



# **FIRE NEWS**

## **BLM Alaska Fire Service**



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## **Donnelly 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 burn approximately 1 acre of woody debris piles located in the Donnelly Training Area, south of Delta Junction, AK. In addition, approximately 100 acres of dried grass will be burned on the Wills Range.

The burns could occur any time between October 8 and November 30, 2009, as weather conditions, air quality and military training schedules allow.

The purpose of the burns is to dispose of woody debris cleared to enhance range maneuverability and to reduce areas of cured grass that could ignite as a result of military training activities. 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 Delta Junction and the Donnelly Training Area 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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