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Fort Richardson Prescribed Burns

Ft. Wainwright, AK — The Bureau of Land Management's Alaska Fire Service, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Alaska, will conduct several prescribed burns on Fort Richardson Sunday and Monday, May 4-5 and continuing through the end of May if proper burning conditions exist.

The primary objectives of the prescribed burns are to decrease surface fuels, primarily dead grass, in several training ranges. Firefighters responded to several fires ignited by military training exercises on Thursday, May 1. The fires occurred in areas previously scheduled for a prescribed burn and were contained to about 12 acres. Prescribed burning helps increase the number of available training days for the Army. The burns will also help reduce the chance of catastrophic fires in the future.

During the burns, which include sections within the 272-acre Three Ranges facility, the 46-acre Fort Richardson Complex and the 400-acre Malamute Range, smoke lasting several days can be expected. During the burns, firefighting personnel, fire vehicles and other equipment will be in the area. People should avoid these areas.

To ask a question, obtain other information or report excessive smoke conditions during the burns, please call: **Elmendorf Fire Dispatch: 907-552-2801**

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