



FIRE NEWS

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Prescribed Burns scheduled at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska — The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service will assist the U.S. Army Garrison-Alaska with multiple prescribed burns in the Richardson Training Area. These burns are located within the north and west sections of JBER-Richardson and south and west of Eagle River. Burning may be initiated any time between May 4, 2012 and May 31, 2012, when suitable weather conditions exist.

The burns will remove dried grass and brush from approximately 290 acres of the Small Arms Complex, 184 acres of the ISBC Range, 676 acres of the IPBC Range, and 378 acres of MPTR Range. The purpose of the prescribed burns is to reduce flammable fuels, thereby reducing the potential for a wildfire to ignite during live-fire training exercises by the U.S. Army.

Fire will only be ignited when the burning conditions are optimal and air quality will not be affected. Smoke from the prescribed burns may be visible from Eagle River, Anchorage, JBER, and Highway 1, but is not expected to linger because the primary vegetation burned will be grass and brush.

For more information about the prescribed fire on RTA, contact JBER Fire Dispatch, 907-552-2801 or Fire Information Office at the Alaska Fire Service at 907-356-5511, the Alaska Fire Service Dispatch at 356-5554, or visit the BLM Alaska Fire Service website at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>.

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