



FIRE NEWS

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Prescribed Burns Planned for Donnelly Training Area West

Ft. Wainwright, AK — The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service will assist the US Army Garrison Alaska with a prescribed burn in the Donnelly Training Area West. The burn is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Delta Junction, Alaska. Burning may be initiated any time between May 5 and May 31, 2012 when weather conditions are optimal and air quality will not be affected.

The Oklahoma Range is critical for enhancing U.S. Army and Air Force mission training. The purpose of the prescribed burns is to reduce the dead and dry vegetation in the ranges, thereby reducing the potential for a wildfire to ignite during live-fire training exercises. The burn will remove dried grass and brush from approximately 20,000 acres of the Oklahoma Range.

Smoke from the prescribed burn may be visible in Delta Junction and the Donnelly Training Area but is not expected to linger because the primary vegetation burned will be grass and brush.

For more information about prescribed fires, contact the 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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