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Prescribed Fires on Fort Wainwright

Fairbanks, Alaska — The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service will assist the U.S. Army Garrison-Alaska with multiple pile burns within Training Areas on Birch Hill on Fort Wainwright for hazardous fuel reduction and to support military readiness training. The burns may be initiated any time on July 26 as weather conditions permit.

The burn piles will consist of woody debris measuring 4-inches in diameter or less, and up to 20 piles will be burned per day. The purpose of the burns is hazardous fuel reduction of accumulated woody debris that could present a potential fire hazard on installation training areas that are important to the readiness training of military units on Fort Wainwright.

Fire will only be ignited when suitable weather conditions exist and air quality will not be affected. Smoke from the pile burns may be visible from Fairbanks but is not expected to linger as the fires will be extinguished at the end of each day.

For more information about the pile burns on Fort Wainwright, contact the Fire Information Office at the Alaska Fire Service at 907-356-5511, the Alaska Fire Service Dispatch at 356-5554.

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