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COMMUNITY NOTICE: Prescribed burns near Fort Benning

FORT BENNING, Georgia. – There is a prescribed burn being conducted on the Alabama side of the Chattahoochee River just north of Main Post. This prescribed burn is on private property and can be seen from Main Post. The wind is from the southeast today and shifting to the east at night keeping the smoke away from Main Post. There is a slight chance that smoke could settle in along the Chattahoochee River tonight and early tomorrow morning. Smoke will settle along low areas at night, such as creeks and rivers if there is no wind.

The Land Management Branch, conducted a prescribed burn today the I-6 and I-7 Training Areas. The burns have concluded and the smoke has cleared.

Fort Benning's Land Management Branch burns approximately 30,000 acres of forested training lands each year. Nearly 85 percent of prescribed burning takes place between late December and early May. Fort Benning foresters reduce smoke impacts by limiting fire size, averaging 250 acres, while paying close attention to weather patterns and moisture conditions.

Every effort is made to control smoke; however, weather conditions can change, resulting in changes to smoke intensity and direction. Fort Benning is located close to several large private and industrial land owners who burn their lands during this time as well. Most land owners follow similar smoke management planning as defined in the State Smoke Management Plans.

For more information about the prescribed burning program, please go to:
<http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/smokeandsound/>

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