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COMMUNITY NOTICE: Fort Benning conducting prescribed burns this weekend.

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning Land Management Branch plans to conduct prescribed burns this weekend if the weather permits. Weather will determine burning conditions and exact locations. Scheduled prescribed burns will occur in the T-1 and J-7 training compartments in the central part of the reservation.

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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