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PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED ON SHAWNEE NATIONAL FORESTS

Harrisburg, IL, September 17, 2008 – The Shawnee National Forest Supervisor is announcing 34 planned prescribed burns in the next fiscal year. Operations are tentatively scheduled to begin in September and continue through April 2009.

The burn objectives are to improve forest health and wildlife habitat by encouraging oak-hickory regeneration; reducing shade tolerant species, such as maple and beech; maintaining or improving openland habitat; and reducing fuel loads.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact Chris Peterson in the Supervisor's Office at (618) 253-7114, Jon Teutrine on the Hidden Springs Ranger District at (618) 658-2111 or Scott Crist on the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District at (618) 687-1731.

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