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PRESCRIBED FIRE

Weather permitting, a prescribed fire will be conducted by Canaveral National Seashore in a 106 acre tract in the Apollo Beach (Eldora) area south of New Smyrna Beach between mid-February and mid-March. The New Smyrna Beach Fire Department and Police Department will be notified in advance of the operation. For safety, the Apollo District south of the boat ramp and Parking Area #1 will be closed to visitors for the duration of the fire.

This will be a joint operation with Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose is to reduce unnaturally high levels of fuel that could ignite from lightning strikes during the summer. The operation will also improve habitat for a number of protected species.