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PRESCRIBED BURN AT SCHOFIELD

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – Army fire and safety specialists, in coordination with the Federal Fire Department, will conduct an annual prescribed burn of the 1,200-acre impact area here, this week, to enable annual range maintenance.

This impact area is north of Kolekole and Trimble roads and west of the Maile Terrace, Kolekole Ridge and Hendrickson Heights military housing areas.

Officials plan on conducting the prescribed burn Friday; however, actual dates will depend on the weather.

This prescribed burn is part of the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's ongoing plan to manage and protect range areas, decrease the danger of wild fires, and survey for depleted uranium (DU).

Air monitors will be placed both up and down wind of the prescribed burn, in order to continue to address public concern about depleted uranium (DU). Laboratory results from the air samples of Schofield's prescribed burn in 2007 showed no DU health hazard from the burn and accompanying smoke.

The Army is working with the Hawaii State Department of Health to share information on burn operations and monitoring results, and to address public concerns that may arise.