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PRESCRIBED BURN AT SCHOFIELD

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – In the interest of safety, Army officials curtailed today’s prescribed burn due to increasing wind speeds.

Fire and safety officials extinguished the burn, which covered less than 100 acres, and will monitor the area throughout the weekend.

Individuals in the vicinity may see some residual smoke from the burn.

NOTE: Public Affairs will send another update next week announcing the new tentative date to burn the remainder of the 1,200-acre impact area.

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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).

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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.