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PRESCRIBED BURN SCHEDULED FOR SCHOFIELD LIVE FIRE RANGE

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii—Army fire, safety and environment specialists, in coordination with the Federal Fire Department, will conduct a prescribed burn of 700 acres, here, at the live fire range and impact area.

The prescribed fire is scheduled for June 2, in efforts to reduce overall fire danger in the area by eliminating fire-prone vegetation, according to officials of the U.S. Army Wildland Fire Program, the supervising agency.

The scheduled burn is contingent on prescribed wind conditions, temperature and fuel moisture conditions and follows the exact format and weather parameters of previous year's burns. Prescribed fire is conducted in the late spring months during cooler temperatures and increased relative humidity.

A contingency date of June 9 has been established if rainfall and unfavorable weather two days prior to the target burn date occurs.

The Army is working with Hawaii State Department of Health, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with the State Clean Air Branch who is currently reviewing the detailed burn plan for required approval. The Army has also notified the City and County of Honolulu Fire Department, the Hawaii Division of Land and Natural Resources, and the Hawaii Division of Forestry.

“We have moved away from summer burns to ensure fire stays within our established control lines,” said Col. Douglas S. Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “We are taking whatever steps are necessary to protect the land, and the safety of our community.”

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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 concerns about depleted uranium (DU). Laboratory results from the air samples of Schofield prescribed burn in 2008 showed no DU was released from the accompanying smoke of the burn.

The Army will post results of the air monitoring on its Hawaii DU website (<http://www.imcom.pac.army.mil/du/>) after laboratory results become available.

In addition to the 10 member Army Wildland Fire program team, six members from the Federal Fire Department will be joined by garrison Natural Resource staff and representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to monitor the burn.