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Prescribed burn scheduled at Schofield, Saturday

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – Army fire, safety and environmental specialists, in coordination with the Federal Fire Department, are scheduled to conduct a prescribed burn Nov. 10 of approximately 90 acres at the live fire range and impact area, here.

The prescribed burn supports range clearance activities and will reduce fire danger in the area by eliminating fire-prone vegetation, according to officials of the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Wildland Fire Program, the supervising agency.

The burn is contingent on weather conditions and will not be conducted unless required wind conditions, temperatures and fuel moisture conditions are met.

"Safety is first and foremost in our minds whenever we plan and conduct a prescribed burn," said Scott Yamasaki, wildland firefighter and program manager, USAG-HI Wildland Fire. "If the conditions are not right, we will not burn."

Fire officials have established an alternate burn date of Nov. 17, in the event of rain or unfavorable weather two days prior to the original targeted date.

The Army is working with the Hawaii State Department of Health and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. DOH's Clean Air Branch has reviewed and approved the detailed burn plan for the scheduled dates. The Army has also notified the City and County of Honolulu Fire Department, and the Hawaii Division of Forestry.

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