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Army announces Prescribed Burn Intent for 2012

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Army has identified Unit 10 in the former Fort Ord Impact Area as part of its 2012 Prescribed Burn Plan to clear vegetation. After the vegetation is burned, munitions-removal experts will then be able to more safely enter the area to remove unexploded munitions and explosives remaining from when Soldiers trained at Fort Ord when it was an active base.

The Army intends to conduct a prescribed burn and begin removing military munitions as soon as weather permits (but not before July 1). A prescribed burn may commence when conditions provide for efficient execution and best management of the resulting smoke, in order to minimize the impact to local communities and residents. The date for the burn will depend on optimal conditions, including: clear skies, moderate temperatures (between 45° and 90°), and a few days without much wind.

The Army will announce when suitable prescribed burn conditions are considered imminent and again when the prescribed burn is ignited. Direct notification will be provided by email, text, and/or auto-dialer telephone calls for anyone who wants to receive such notification.

Residents who want to be placed on the list for direct notification should phone the Army at 800-852-9699, or download an enrollment form at www.FortOrdCleanup.com. All notification forms should be returned to the Army prior to July 1, 2012, if possible.

For up-to-date information call 831-242-7383 or 800-852-9699, or visit the website at www.FortOrdCleanup.com. For media requests call the Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office at 831-242-5555.

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