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Army Announces Prescribed Burn Intent for 2016

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Army has identified three areas in the former Fort Ord Impact Area for prescribed burning as part of its 2016 plan. These burns are required as an important part of the munitions cleanup of the former Impact Area. The burns encourage recovery of the rare, threatened and endangered fire-dependent plant species. In addition, prescribed burns can reduce excessive vegetation, which reduces the risk of wildfire.

The Army intends to conduct a prescribed burn as soon as weather permits, which can be as early as July 1, but likely in September or later. A prescribed burn may commence when conditions provide for safe operations and good fire and smoke behavior in order to minimize the impact to local communities and residents. Suitable weather conditions include clear skies, moderate temperatures (between 45° and 90°), and a few days without much wind. These conditions help minimize smoke impacts.

The date for the burn will depend on many variables such as availability of resources as well as a prediction of optimal weather conditions. The Army will announce when resources have been mobilized for burn operations, when the prescribed burn is ignited, and when the burn operations are complete for the day. Direct notification will

be provided by your choice of email, text, or auto-dialer telephone calls for anyone who registers.

Residents requesting direct notification can enroll on line at www.FortOrdCleanup.com or call the Army at 800-852-9699. All notification forms should be returned to the Army prior to July 1, 2016.

For up-to-date information visit the website at www.FortOrdCleanup.com or call 831-242-7383 or 800-852-9699. Follow us on Twitter at @POMgarrison #OrdBurn2016. For media requests call the Presidio of Monterey Public Affairs Office at 831-242-5555.