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Prescribed burn planned for Creamer's Field on May 3

(Fairbanks, AK) – Weather permitting, the Division of Forestry will conduct a prescribed burn on Tuesday, May 3 at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge on behalf of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The project involves specific portions of the 1,800-acre refuge (see red areas on map on next page), totaling roughly 11 acres. Recreational opportunities in the refuge will still be possible during the burn.

Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge is managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and for compatible public uses, including wildlife viewing, research, nature education, and other forms of non-motorized recreation. Burning the dead grass will enhance wildlife habitat and reduce the potential for uncontrolled wildfires.

Weather conditions will ultimately determine if the burn occurs that day. Firefighters will not start the burn if conditions are unsafe. Smoke will be visible throughout Fairbanks but firefighters will only burn under conditions that minimize smoke impacts to the public.

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