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Public Service Announcement **Fort Carson to conduct prescribed burns**

FORT CARSON, Colo. – Prescribed burns will be conducted on Fort Carson training areas and Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site by the Directorates of Emergency Services and Public Works Conservation Branch beginning this week and continuing intermittently until April 15.

The installation prescribed burn program is critical in reducing the potential for wildland fires and will only be conducted if weather conditions are favorable.

The burns are accomplished to facilitate military training within maneuver and training areas. They are carefully planned and executed to reduce heavy vegetation that could potentially lead to and fuel wildland fires.

Smoke from these prescribed burns will most likely be visible along the Interstate 25 and Highway 115 corridors from Colorado Springs to Pueblo or along Highway 350 in Las Animas County.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. Each burn is conducted with a focus on safety and the potential impact for off-site effects of smoke on public health and visibility. By combining favorable weather conditions with a variety of fire management techniques, Fort Carson officials work to keep smoke impacts to a minimum. For additional information regarding how to protect your health from wood smoke please refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health.

Fort Carson continues to be supportive and understanding to the concerns of the surrounding community regarding air quality and the threat of wildland fires. The prescribed burn program continues the installation's dedication to the preservation of the environment and wildland fire risk management in Colorado. Concerned community members are encouraged to call Fort Carson at (719) 526-9849. We take every concern very seriously and strive to address each in a timely and thoughtful manner.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.