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## **Routine Prescribed Burning Planned at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge will be conducting prescribed burning activities from March through May 2008 between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. All prescribed burns will be conducted on designated days when weather, humidity and smoke conditions permit. The community and media will be provided advanced notification when larger burns take place. Every burn is carefully planned with the safety of the surrounding community, the employees, and the firefighters as a top priority.

The purpose of the burns is to reinvigorate the growth of native prairie vegetation, reduce hazard fuels, manage efforts for weed control and improve habitat to sustain a rich diversity of wildlife. They also help reduce the risk of wildfire. In 2007, the Service successfully planned and burned 800 acres. The prescribed burn season runs through the spring from March to May and resumes again in the fall from September to October.

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