## Notice of 2023 Prescribed Burns State Military Reservation Concord, NH



To: Neighbors of the State Military Reservation in Concord, NH

From: Zachary Boyajian, Wildland Fire Program Manager

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## Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to inform you that in 2023 the Environmental Section of the New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services plans to use prescribed burning on portions of the State Military Reservation (SMR), which is located adjacent to Airport Rd., Pembroke Rd., Regional Dr., and Greeley St. in Concord, NH (see map on reverse).

Two grassland management units with scattered pitch pines, each less than 1 acre in size, are scheduled to be ignited under controlled conditions to improve ecosystem health and reduce wildland fire fuel. Conducting these burns will help restore the globally rare Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Barrens natural community and lower the chance of uncontrolled wildland fire events. Prescribed burns will be conducted under specific conditions by trained personnel with support from federal, state, and local agencies.

These prescribed burns are planned to take place during the months of March–May (spring burn season) and/or August–October (fall burn season), weather permitting. Prescribed burning will generally be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Neighboring residents and businesses as well as drivers on nearby roads may see or smell smoke during prescribed fire activities.

Because prescribed burning is highly dependent on weather and other variables, we cannot provide exact dates in advance. If you would like to be notified the day before or the day of the burns, please complete the attached form with your preferred contact information and return it in the provided envelope. Any questions may be directed to:

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For more information on the NH Pine Barrens natural community, please visit: https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/documents/wap/appendixb-habitats.pdf (pg. 72)

## State Military Reservation 2023 Burn Map



## Legend

Burn Units
Installation Boundary

Water Hydrants

Map depicting 2023 prescribed fire burn units

Data Source: ESRI, NHARNG, GRANIT

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