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FORT ORD PRESCRIBED BURN HAS BEEN IGNITED

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The Army has started a prescribed burn on the former Fort Ord. The prescribed burn was started about 9:30 a.m. for Burn Unit 7 — about 341 acres. The ignition phase is expected to last about two hours. The purpose of the prescribed burn is to clear vegetation so it is safe for cleanup workers to remove unexploded munitions and explosives left over from when Fort Ord was an Army training center.

ROAD UPDATE: Fort Ord travelers please note that South Boundary Road and Rancho Saucito will be closed during the prescribed burn operations.

If you have health problems that can be made worse by smoke, the Army recommends that you take such precautions as closing your windows and keeping them closed through tomorrow morning, remaining indoors as much as possible, limiting physical activity, ensuring you have adequate supplies of your medications and talking them as prescribed, and drinking plenty of liquids.

If you have breathing problems during the prescribed burn, call your health provider or dial 911 to get medical advice or treatment.

For updates on the prescribed burn in progress, call the hotline at 1-800-852-9699 or check our web site at www.FortOrdCleanup.com.