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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FORT ORD PRESCRIBED BURN UPDATE**

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – A prescribed burn was started at 9:30 a.m. at Unit 7 (about 341 acres) on the former Fort Ord. A spill over of the burn onto Unit 33, south of Unit 7, was reported at 12:35 p.m. As a conservative safety precaution, the Army suggested the evacuation of York School. No other evacuations were recommended.

Currently, the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department is in position to control the fire. Helicopters are being used to contain the fire. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) is on standby to assist the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department. The Presidio of Monterey Fire Department will be monitoring the fire overnight.

If you are in the Highway 68 area, we recommend you keep your windows closed through tomorrow morning.

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, reducing prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion, ensuring you have adequate supplies of your medications and taking them as prescribed, and drinking plenty of liquids.

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

More information regarding Fort Ord prescribed burns can be found at [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com).

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](http://www.FortOrdCleanup.com).