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Fort Ord Prescribed Burn Update 2 and Interview Opportunity

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – The remaining 10 acres of Unit 33 that did not burn during the Oct. 15 prescribed burn operation flared up about 8 p.m. yesterday.

Fire fighters were on hand to observe the flare up. Additionally, throughout today, fire fighters will patrol the secondary containment line, and helicopters will drop water as directed, if necessary.

The area that flared up last night was in the western section of Unit 33 and completes the burn of that unit. As a result, in addition to Units 10 and 7, Unit 33 will also be able to be cleared of unexploded munitions and explosives as part of the Base Realignment and Closure plan for the former Fort Ord.

This concludes the prescribed burn season for 2013. Unit 10 was burned Oct. 14, clearing 327 acres. Unit 7 was burned Oct. 15, clearing 341 acres. Additionally, the burning of Unit 33 cleared 124 acres.

Reporters wishing to speak with a subject matter expert at 11 a.m. must contact the Public Affairs Office by 10:30 a.m. at 831-242-5555 or via email to PresidioPAO@gmail.com.

If reporters express interest, the subject matter expert will meet them at the former Burger King parking lot at General Jim Moore Boulevard and Gigling Road.