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SFWMD Conducting Prescribed Burn Today at DuPuis

Smoke may be visible from the site near the Martin/Palm Beach County line

WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has begun a prescribed burn today in the DuPuis Management Area to reduce wildfire danger and benefit the ecology of the area.

Crews are conducting the approximately 500-acre burn in a portion of the 22,000-acre natural area to reduce excessive ground cover that can fuel large wildfires. This action also improves habitat for wildlife. The scheduled burn is part of a regular prescribed burn program at DuPuis and is scheduled to be complete by the end of the day.

WHY: Prescribed fire benefits include:

- Reducing wildfire danger
- Controlling exotic vegetation
- Improving wildlife habitat and plant diversity
- Maintaining fire-dependent plant communities

WHERE: [Click here for a map](#) with the location of the prescribed burn.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.