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## **Prescribed burning to take place at W. Goodrich Jones State Forest**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 20, 2019) – The Woodlands Township has been given notice the Texas A&M Forest Service will possibly conduct several small acreage prescribed burns at W. Goodrich Jones State Forest starting Thursday, March 21 to Friday, March 22, 2019, at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please view the attached map which shows the possible burn areas within the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest (**Highlighted in Yellow**). The state forest trails around the prescribed burning area will be barricaded and closed to the public for the duration of the burning operation.

Prescribed fire is considered a standard forest management tool for endangered species habitat restoration, undergrowth vegetation reduction, and providing for community safety especially from catastrophic wildfires.

The Texas A&M Forest Service is notifying the surrounding city and fire officials, as well as area residents and groups who frequent the forest, by email and posting notification signs. Agency fire officials and equipment will be on-site at the forest. This will also be used as a cross-training exercise between local fire departments and Texas A&M Forest Service to better prepare for protecting communities.

For more information, please contact Texas A&M Forest Service Public Information Officers: Stuart Morris, PIO, Texas A&M Forest Service 936/217-7013, Matt Ford, PIO, Texas A&M Forest Service 218/706-7105 or John Warner, PIO2, Texas A&M Forest Service 936/546-3169.



W.G. Jones State Forest

Prescribed Burning Proposed March 21-22, 2019

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