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Annual Prescribed Burning Operations Start Soon

(Palmer, AK) – The Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) is preparing for multiple prescribed burns in the Delta, Fairbanks, and Matanuska-Susitna Valley areas in the coming months. Burning operations can begin as early as May 1, weather and conditions permitting. The prescribed burns are planned for the following areas:

- **Fairbanks:** Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, in partnership with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, as early as May 5.
- **Delta Junction:** Delta Junction Bison Range, in partnership with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, as early as April 30.
- **Palmer:** Near the end of Maud Road, at the Kenny and Patti Barber Shooting Range, as early as May 13.
- **Wasilla:** At the end of W. Shirley Road off of N. Sitze Road as early as May 13.

"There are multiple benefits to these annual prescribed burns including safely managing dry, grassy fuels in a controlled environment; providing training for firefighters as they prepare for the coming season; and collaborating alongside partners working to improve habitat management," said Deputy Director of Fire Protection Norm McDonald.

Additional information will be released for the individual prescribed burns and all planned operations will be contingent upon safe weather and fuel conditions. Impact to the public is expected to be minimal but smoke may be visible in the Fairbanks, Delta, and Mat-Su areas during the burn windows.

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest.

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