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Prescribed fire is a natural ecological process and offers many benefits to the environment and area wildlife.

Prescribed Burn Planned For Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area Beginning This Week

LIVE OAK, FL, Mar. 7, 2017 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) will be conducting periodic prescribed burning operations in the Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area in Lafayette County beginning March 9, and extending through May 31, 2017. Specific burn dates will be determined by weather conditions.

The District plans to burn between 2,000 – 4,000 acres during this period using both aerial and ground ignition methods. Additional burn notices will be issued by the District should the activity be extended due to weather conditions. The prescribed burning will be located in the northwest section of Mallory Swamp north of Tom Gunter Road and east of the Crapps Tower Grade and in the southwest section south of L.A, Bennett Grade.

This activity may temporarily produce smoke. For the safety of recreational users, some roads may be closed and public access may be limited on certain sections of the Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

Prescribed burns facilitate ecological restoration by enhancing native wetland and upland vegetation and improving habitat for native wildlife. Prescribed burns also reduce fuel levels to help lower the intensity of any possible wildfires and prepare the area for tree planting activities.

The public can monitor the Important Notices page on the District website at <http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/index.aspx?NID=61> for more definite burning dates as they become available. For additional information on the prescribed burn please contact Scott Gregor, Natural Resource Specialist, at 386.362.1001.

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

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