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**Prescribed burn planned at Mallory Swamp November and December**



LIVE OAK, FL, November 6, 2015 – The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) land managers will conduct prescribed burning operations on the Mallory Swamp Wildlife Management Area beginning the week of November 9 and extending through December 31, 2015. Prescribed burning will be located south of Tom Gunter Road and east of the Crapps Tower grade in the southeastern corner of Mallory Swamp in Lafayette County.

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.

**Prescribed burn on District lands December 2014.**

The District plans to burn approximately 1,000 to 3,000 acres from November into December. Should the activity be extended due to weather conditions, the District will issue additional burn notices.

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

The public can monitor the “Important Notices” page on the District website at <http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com/index.aspx?NID=61> for more definitive burning dates. For additional information on the prescribed burn please contact Scott Gregor, Natural Resource Specialist, at 386-362-1001.

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