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Congaree National Park
Prescribed Burn

Within the next 2 to 30 days Congaree National Park plans to complete two controlled burns on approximately 975 acres of park woodlands. The purpose of prescribed fire is to reduce hazardous fuels and the threat of wildfire to our neighbors, enhance habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and restore fire in the natural system.

There are two burn areas. One burn area is located along the park entrance road to the west with the eastern boundary near Garrick Road. The other burn area is east of the southeastern bend of South Cedar Creek Road and south of Red Bluff Road. The exact day of the burn will be determined by opportune weather and site conditions and smoke may be visible for several miles. Precautions have been taken to minimize any inconvenience to our neighbors; however, smoke may drift into areas other than those immediately adjacent to the burn site. Certain park trails as well as our campgrounds will be unavailable during the prescribed burn.

For visitors with camping permits: In the event that a burn is scheduled after a camping permit is issued, a uniformed park ranger will attempt to notify campers in person by visiting campsites in the campground, calling permit holders' cell phones, placing notices on car windshields, or placing notes on the door to tents/campers/rvs. In addition, burn notices will be placed at the front desk and the campground information kiosk. For backcountry campers, a message will be left at the phone number provided by the permit holder.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information, please contact Terri Hogan at (803) 776-4396. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Tentative Burn Date: Wednesday, March 7
- Burn Area: 1) Along park entrance road with the eastern boundary near Garrick Road
  2) East of the southeastern bend of South Cedar Creek Road and south of Red Bluff Road
- Contact: Terri Hogan, Congaree National Park Chief of Resources
  Doug Crossen, Congaree National Park Facility Manager
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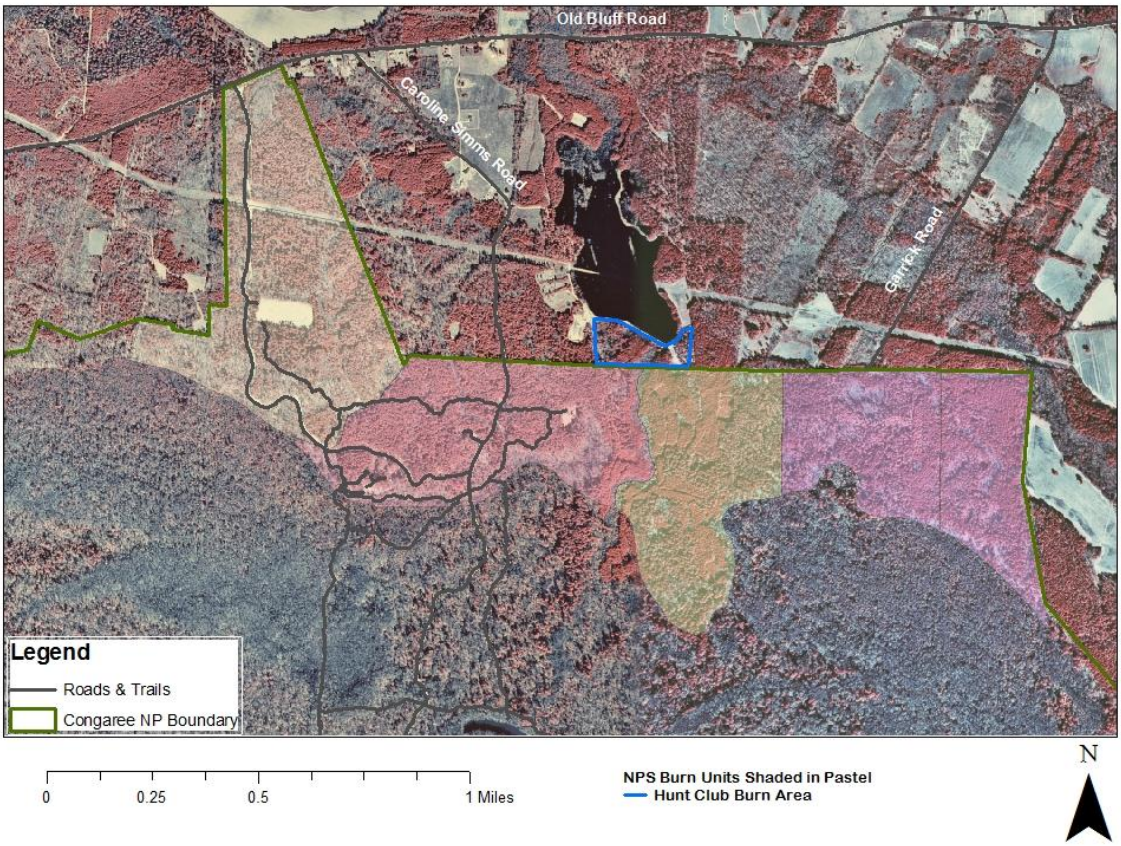
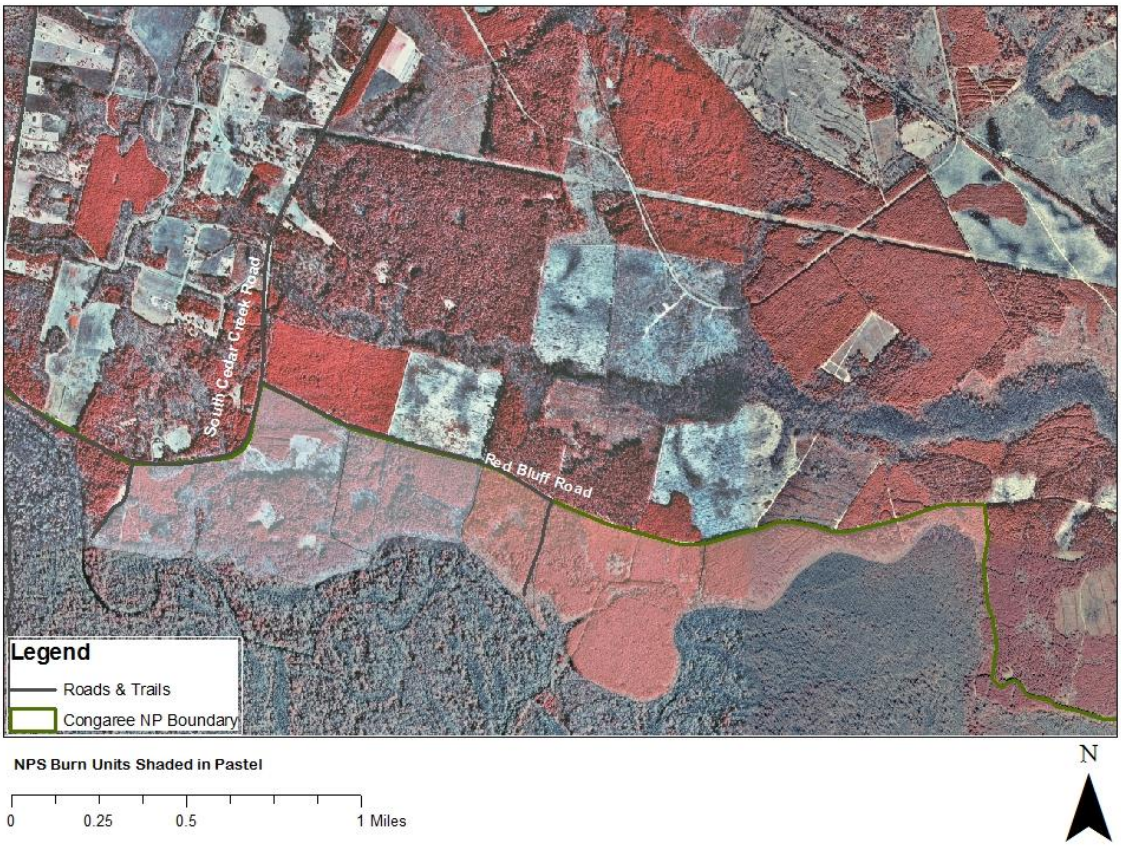
RCW Prescribed Burns at Congaree National Park



1) Burn area along park entrance road with the eastern boundary near Garrick Road

Red Bluff Road Prescribed Burns at Congaree National Park



2) Burn area east of the southeastern bend of South Cedar Creek Road and south of Red Bluff Road