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Death Valley National Park to Host Open House

Death Valley National Park Fire Management Officer, Don Washington announced today that the park would host its second annual Wildland Fire Awareness public open house on Saturday, February 24, 2007, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center Auditorium. The Visitor Center is located in the heart of the park in Furnace Creek along Highway 190.

This is a free event open to the public. Come and learn about hazard fuel reduction, fire mitigation, defensible space and information to help you protect your home from wildland fire. A fire crew with a wildland fire engine, fire and personal protective equipment will be on hand to discuss their initial attack to wildland fires and answer questions about wildland fire and fire protection. Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about the park's Fire Management Plan, which will soon be released for public comment, and the park's law enforcement and emergency medical services.

Though rains have been scanty, the cooler weather is allowing for a fair number of plants to emerge thus creating the potential for a good spring wildflower display. Should we see additional rains in the next month this may increase fuel loads and fuel continuity, thus increasing the size and duration of summer fires. Now is the time to start thinking about how to protect your home and family from wildland fire. For information, join us at our open house or visit www.firewise.org.

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