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## Fort Scott National Historic Site News Release

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### Prescribed Fire Planned at Fort Scott National Historic Site

Fort Scott National Historic Site Superintendent Betty Boyko announced today that a prescribed fire is scheduled to be conducted in the park sometime during the weeks of March 21 through April 22, 2011.

Approximately five acres of restored tallgrass prairie will be burned under the supervision of U.S. Fish and Wildlife and National Park Service wildland fire personnel with assistance from the Fort Scott Fire Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The objective of the project is to eliminate a buildup of hazardous fuels, control invasion of woody and exotic species, and promote the growth of native prairie plants.

The project will be conducted under prescribed conditions set forth in the park's Fire Management Plan and Prescribed Fire Burn Plan. The exact date and time of the fire will be determined when proper weather conditions are present and trained staff is available.

The local radio station will be notified prior to ignition. Persons near the site that might be bothered by the smoke are encouraged to contact the park at 223-0310. They will be notified the day of the operation so that they may take proper precautions to avoid the smoke.

The park will remain open to visitors during the prescribed fire although certain areas will be temporarily off limits for safety reasons. The operation is expected to last less than four hours.

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