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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### National Park Service To Conduct Prescribed Fire

**Brecksville, Ohio** – The National Park Service (NPS) will conduct a prescribed fire **sometime** between March 26 and April 30, 2012, in Boston Township. Fuel and weather conditions must be within certain parameters and that will determine the exact date of the burn. The burn unit is off of Boston Mills Road just south of Interstate 80. Up to 10 acres of land will be burned in order to maintain native plant species and prevent the spread of invasive woody brush.

The prescribed fire program at Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is conducted by trained and experienced NPS fire personnel. Smoke dispersal is a primary concern and park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area by monitoring wind and atmospheric conditions prior to ignitions. However, smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible.

Clear management goals and objectives have been established for the burn unit. Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely.

Prescribed fire has been used for thirty years within the boundaries of CVNP by Cleveland Metroparks to manage habitat and control invasive species. However, this is the first prescribed burn coordinated by the NPS on park lands.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or [www.dayinthevalley.com](http://www.dayinthevalley.com) or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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