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## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### Fall Burning at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



STRONG CITY, Kansas: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is planning to conduct a number of prescribed burns this fall.

Prescribed fire is one method used to promote a healthy prairie and maintain the cultural landscape of the preserve. Preserve managers are interested in observing the effects of fall fire on invasive,

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non-native plants, and woody vegetation. Learn more about fire by going to the preserve's website [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr) and click on Learn About the Park and then the Nature section.

Weather conditions must be optimal before prescribed burns can occur. Due to the unpredictability of weather patterns, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity, there is usually not much advanced notice leading up to a prescribed burn. Some trails and areas may be closed during prescribed fire operations (on short notice). Visitors who are hiking or fishing may have their plans interrupted as a result of the burning activity, but this typically does not last more than a day. Historic buildings and the visitor center will remain open during normal business hours. Please call the rangers at 620-273-8494 for daily updates, check our website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), or check out the Facebook page for Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. For safety, visitors are asked to not cross fire lines or venture beyond barricades and signs.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks and how your park inspires you - both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. For more information, visit the preserve's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie>, website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov), or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at [www.nature.org/Kansas](http://www.nature.org/Kansas) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas>.

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