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Prescribed Fire at the Preserve

Strong City, Kansas – Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve announced its prescribed fire season beginning now through April. Prescribed fire is a preserve management tool used to promote a healthy prairie by removal of woody and non-native vegetation. Fire promotes native plant and animal diversity and maintains an important natural and cultural landscape. Prescribed fire at the preserve is a partnership operation. The Nature Conservancy, the preserve's primary landowner, will work closely with neighbors to ensure safe and efficient fire operations. Learn more about fire by going to the preserve's website 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 (that are currently open) and the Visitor Center will be open. Please call the rangers at 620-273-8494 for daily updates, check our website at 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, 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, email 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 or Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas .

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