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Notice of Prescribed Burns Conservation Collier Program Collier County, Florida

If weather conditions permit, prescribed burns may be conducted on five separate Conservation Collier Preserves between the months of January and March 2023. These burns are ecological burns to improve habitat for wildlife and reduce fuel levels within the fire-dependent forested portions of the preserves. Location descriptions and maps are listed below:

The **Pepper Ranch Preserve** located at 6315 Pepper Road Immokalee, FL. The two areas targeted for burning at this preserve are approximately 14 acres, and 155 acres.

The **Red Root Preserve** located at 1330 Limpkin Road Naples, FL approximately 15 miles east of 1-75 north of Immokalee Road, east of Sanctuary Road. The area targeted for burning is 10 acres.

The Caracara Prairie Preserve located at 3980 CR 850 (Corkscrew Road) Immokalee, FL, approximately miles 14 miles east of I-75 off of Corkscrew Road. The targeted area for burning is approximately 30 acres.

The **McIlvane Marsh Preserve** located northeast of Marco Island, off Curcie Road off CR 82. The targeted area for burning on this preserve is approximately 60 acres.

The **Shell Island Preserve** located south of US 41, on the corner of County Road 951 and Shell Island Road. The targeted area for burning is approximately 112 acres.

Collier County will only burn if authorization is received by the Florida Forest Service and if safe weather conditions are forecasted. Burning will begin at approximately 9 a.m. on the day of the burn.

Residents in the immediate area will be notified by mail. Although a smoke management plan has been done, unpredicted wind shifts may cause smoky conditions to occur in the area. Those who are smoke sensitive due to medical or other conditions should take appropriate precautions. Anyone entering the area should use caution, drive with lights on in smoky areas, and be alert for the heavy equipment.

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