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Notice of Prescribed Burns Conservation Collier Program Collier County, Florida

If weather conditions permit, prescribed burns may be conducted on four separate Conservation Collier Preserves between the months of December 2023 and March 2024. 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:

- Pepper Ranch Preserve located at 6315 Pepper Road Immokalee, FL.
- Caracara Prairie Preserve located at 3980 CR 850 (Corkscrew Road) Immokalee, FL, approximately miles 14 miles east of I-75 off Corkscrew Road.
- North Belle Meade Preserve located 1 mile east of Richardson Way along Black Burn Rd in North Belle Meade, Naples FL.
- McIlvane Marsh Preserve located west of the intersection of Tamiami Trail E (US-41) and San Marco Road (State Road 92) and northeast of Marco Island.

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 prepared, 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 heavy equipment.

For more information, call (239) 252-2961 or email ConservationCollier@colliercountyfl.gov







