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## **Prescribed Burn at Pace Bend Park**

**TRAVIS COUNTY, Tx** - Travis County Parks plans to conduct a prescribed burn at Pace Bend Park on Monday, June 12, 2017. The prescribed burn will occur between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and will take approximately two to four hours to complete. Travis County Parks is conducting the burn in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burn is approximately 100 acres and is intended to reduce wildfire danger and improve ecosystem health by removing invading shrubs, consuming dead and downed vegetation, reducing the number of exotic species, and enhancing the health and diversity of the native plant community.

The prescribed burn will be conducted with a southeasterly wind which will carry smoke across the lake and towards the communities to the northwest. However, due to the small size of the prescribed burn and the distance between the prescribed burn and the adjacent communities, smoke impacts are expected to be relatively light and of a short duration.

The park will remain open; however, some portions of the park specifically along the west side of the park from the Collier boat ramp to Thrasher Cove will close for part of the week. A portion of the park road will be closed during the prescribed burn.

Pace Bend Park is located at 2805 Pace Bend Road North, Spicewood, TX 78669.

**Media:** The prescribed burn is located adjacent to the main road, and in order to minimize impacts to traffic and provide for the safety of the park users and fire management staff, no media will be allowed on-site. There will not be a PIO or staff available for interviews, but you may call the PIO (contact listed above), or check in at the park fee booth for additional information.

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