



News Release

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Prescribed burn in Gilleland Creek Greenway Project

Travis County Parks plans to conduct a prescribed burn in the Gilleland Creek Greenway Project Area on December 4, 2020. A 16-acre prescribed burn is planned. It will occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and will take approximately one to three hours to complete.

Travis County Parks is conducting the prescribed burn in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burn 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 implemented with northerly winds, which will carry the smoke to the south, across Gilleland Creek and towards the intersection of Parmer Lane and SH 130. Smoke is expected to be evident throughout the burn day but impacts are expected to be light.

Travis County is currently under a burn ban. Burn bans limit certain types of fire use in order to minimize the potential for accidental fires and to reduce the impact fires have on emergency responders. Burn bans do not limit all fire use (cooking, welding, etc.), and many activities are allowed with certain restrictions. Prescribed burn managers conduct prescribed burns during burn bans because conditions are favorable for meeting established objectives. Land managers, regulators and emergency responders coordinate the implementation of the prescribed burns.

The prescribed burn will be located at the intersection of East Howard Lane and Hill Lane (just west of SH 130).

Media note: These properties are not open to the public. There may be a PIO or staff available for interviews. Please call the Park Land Manager (contact listed above) for more information.

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