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## NEWS RELEASE

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# Forest Service Officials Plan Seasonal Prescribed Burns at Land Between the Lakes

**Land Between the Lakes , Ky./Tenn. - March 1, 2019** - Forest Service wildfire officials plan to start conducting seasonal prescribed burns within administrative sites, Oak Grassland Demonstration Area, and select open lands at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.



Officials will burn dry fuels to improve forest health and habitat diversity when weather conditions outlined in the prescription are met.

"Prescribed fire is very weather dependent and especially challenging in the dynamic weather patterns as of late. We must have the right conditions to meet land management objectives, while limiting smoke impact to surrounding communities," said Todd Lerke, fire management officer at Land Between the Lakes.

Wildfire is a natural occurrence that benefits plants and animals while reducing the risk of large wildfires. Prescribed burns often target high use areas to reduce accumulation of dry fuels and to recycle nutrients back into the soil. Prescribed burns that may be implemented in March include projects supporting wildlife and ecosystem management.

Land Between the Lakes will notify local media outlets on days when prescribed burns are scheduled. Notices can be found at [www.landbetweenthelakes.us/alerts-notice](http://www.landbetweenthelakes.us/alerts-notice) or by calling toll free 800-525-7077 or in Kentucky call 270-924-2000.

To learn more, call Fire Management Specialist, Todd Lerke, at 270-924-2092.

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