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MEDIA ADVISORY

Prescribed Burn Planned in February/March at Gulf Resort State Park

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) State Parks Division, in cooperation with the Alabama Forestry Commission, is planning a prescribed burn in the time frame of February/March 2008, weather permitting. The burns will occur off of County Road 2, Highway 135 and the park campground. A third longleaf pine restoration zone is included for site preparation prior to a winter planting.

The fuel load within the park has been significantly reduced by a series of burns the preceding two years. The Division feels that the further elimination of fuel rendered by Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina will create a safer environment in regard to wildfire within the park and the outlying communities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. Every effort will be made to ensure safety and proper smoke management during this period.

For further information, contact Forrest Bailey at 334-242-3901 or 334-850-4331, or Gulf Resort State Park at 251-948-7275.

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