



Controlled burn on Concord Naval Weapons Station

Residents and commuters may see or smell smoke coming from the Concord Naval Weapons Station this month. The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District will be conducting a Wildland Readiness Exercise on the base, which includes controlled burns, the cause of the smoke. The controlled burn area will be on grass lands in the middle of the large bunker complex west of Mt Diablo Creek.

The training will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, June 17 through Saturday, June 20
- Monday and Tuesday, June 22 and 23
- Friday, June 26, through Sunday, June 28

Firefighters will set controlled burns on the property to practice their firefighting skills and test their equipment.

A recent press release in the *Contra Costa Times* indicated that firefighters would be taking heavy equipment off-road, but this is incorrect and is not an activity permitted under their license from the Navy.

Questions can be directed to Emily Hopkins at Contra Costa Fire, (925) 941-3505, or the U.S. Navy BRAC Office, Michael Mentink (415) 743-4729.

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