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For more information regarding the prescribed burn program at Camp Swift contact the Texas Army National Guard's Natural Resource Specialist at 512-782-6227.

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Bastrop's Camp Swift to Perform Prescribed Burns

AUSTIN, Texas (Jan. 29, 2019) – The Texas Military Department is scheduled to conduct prescribed burns within training areas on Camp Swift, a Texas Army National Guard Training Facility, in Bastrop, near Austin, beginning in January and will continue through April, weather permitting.

The Texas National Guard's military readiness and natural resources management objectives require a comprehensive wildland fire management program aimed at protecting life and property, supporting military training and promoting ecosystem health. Prescribed burns are an integral part of this program.

The organization uses a well-designed burn plan to safely conduct its prescribed burns. The burn plan states the atmospheric and environmental conditions necessary to conduct a safe burn. Additionally it clearly defines the boundaries of the area to be burned and provides details of specific precautionary measures that must be implemented prior to each burn.

To further ensure the safety and effectiveness of its wildland fire management program, the Texas Military Department conducts its prescribed burns in cooperation with the Texas A&M Forest Service.

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