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Prescribed Fire Planned Next Week at Corn Creek on Desert National Wildlife Refuge

Smoke at Corn Creek might be visible from U.S. 95 on the day of the burn

LAS VEGAS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is planning a prescribed burn the week of March 19, 2012, on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). A large pile of vegetative debris (burn pile) at Corn Creek will be burned to remove a potential wildfire fuel source and clean up the area.

The burn pile consists of approximately 75 cubic yards of woody vegetative debris left from clearing the area for installation of utilities that will serve the planned Desert NWR visitor center and headquarters building. The burn will be conducted by Service fire personnel.

The exact timing of the fire depends on weather conditions; however, the Service does not expect the burn to impact air quality or public access to the wildlife refuge. Specific questions about the planned prescribed burn should be directed to Ross Wise at (702) 556-9695.

The Desert NWR is approximately 23 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 95. Signs on both the east and west sides of the highway mark the turnoff to the 4-mile gravel road leading to Corn Creek. The wildlife refuge was established May 20, 1936 for the conservation and development of wildlife resources, including the desert bighorn sheep. At 1.6 million acres, it is the largest national wildlife refuge in the continental United States.

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