

The Assabet River NWR will be creating mechanical fuel breaks along portions of the southern most boundary and western flank of the south unit in an effort to reduce hazardous woody fuels accumulations and provide a fire break to aid in the control of wildfires. Service personnel will use a bobcat equipped with a mechanical mulching head to thin and remove undesired fuels that have increased over the years. The fuel break will average 100 feet in width, retaining large diameter mature trees while removing excessive smaller trees, brush, and dead and down woody fuels. The project is slated to last several days. Mechanical equipment operations can create flying and falling hazards within 200 feet of the equipment, so we ask you to be mindful of your own safety and avoid these operations until completed.

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