

## **Announcement: Prescribed burning to take place on Grafton County Farm and Forest in North Haverhill**

A prescribed burn is planned on the Grafton County Farm and Forest for tomorrow, Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> between noon and 4:00 pm. There is a short window of weather that will allow the burn to be done in a safe and effective manner. The burn will be conducted according to the strict parameters of a fire prescription and fire management plan. Relative humidity, fuel moisture, wind direction, temperature, and other factors will determine when the burn can take place. Certified wildland fire crews from the NH Division of Forests and Lands and local fire departments will be conducting the burn.

The burning will be done to encourage red oak regeneration and to reduce competition.

This prescribed fire project is part of a federal Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant that the county is participating in. The grant covers the development of a fire management plan for Grafton County lands and prescribed burns designed to encourage oak regeneration, revitalize wild blueberry production, and improve wildlife habitat.

The prescribed burns will take place on the eastern end of the county property, about a mile east of NH Route 10. Fire lines are in place and are marked with orange flagging with "Rx Fire Boundary" in black letters.

For questions, please contact Chris O'Brien, NH Division of Forests and Lands Prescribed Fire Coordinator

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In addition, Cooperative Extension is holding a workshop on the use of prescribed fire in forestry and habitat management on May 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Grafton County Extension Office. See the UNH Extension website for details.