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### **Wichita Falls Fire Department Prescribed Burn**

Wichita Falls, Texas – The Wichita Falls Fire Department and Wichita Falls Fire Department Strike Team, in conjunction with other area departments, will be conducting a prescribed burn at Old Friberg Church Road and FM Road 171. The prescribed burn will take place Saturday, May 30, 2020 with an approximate start time of 0900 hours. This will be called the Miller Burn.

This mitigation project is to reduce large bird species activity in the area of the Sheppard Air Force Base airfield. The field contains many brush piles that create a habitat for prey that large bird species are searching for. This has caused an increase in safety concerns for all training flights and commercial flights using the airfield.

In total, this will be a 142 acre burn that will provide realistic, first hand training for the firefighters. Along with the training opportunities, a prescribed burn is the best way to protect the safety of the flight zones of the airfield. To ensure all residents safety, firefighters will remain on-site to conduct post burn work.

Please be mindful of the firefighters working in the area. Traffic may have to be diverted in some areas for short periods of time. We appreciate your continued support of the Wichita Falls Fire Department and the Wichita Falls Fire Department Strike Team.

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