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DUNNELLON AIRPORT CLOSED FOR RESURFACING AND PRESCRIBED BURN

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Nov. 15, 2011) – Dunnellon-area residents may experience smoky conditions Wednesday morning. Marion County Parks and Recreation, in cooperation with Marion County Fire Rescue, the Florida Forest Service and Dunnellon Fire Rescue, plans to conduct a controlled burn of about 400 acres at the Dunnellon Airport on Wednesday if weather conditions permit.

“The burn will clear out the infield area between the airport’s two runways,” said Marion County Parks and Recreation Operations Specialist Rodney Sieg. “This will safely reduce, under controlled and monitored conditions, the brush that could potentially ignite and become an uncontrolled grassfire in the future.”

Staff will monitor weather and wind conditions and make a final decision on conducting the burn Wednesday morning. Trained staff including Marion County Parks and Recreation certified burners and fire crews and apparatus will be on-scene to safely manage the operation and protect surrounding areas during burn operations.

The Dunnellon Airport will be closed Nov. 15 - 18 for runway resurfacing, but the burn should be completed by Wednesday afternoon.

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