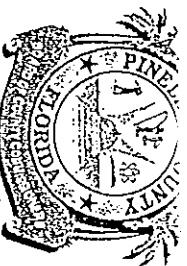


APPENDIX J

Prescribed Burn Notice, Prescription Form, and Sample Letter: “Why it is Necessary to Burn”



Prescribed Burn Notice

Burn Seasons

Summer: June - Sept.
Winter: Jan. - March

Your neighborhood is in the vicinity of one of our Parks or Preserves and we may conduct a prescribed burn near you.

PRESCRIBED BURNS...

- Reduce the potential for wildfires.
 - Improve the quality of habitats for wildlife.
 - Control the presence of exotic species.
 - Depend on ideal weather conditions. Therefore our schedule may change without notice.
- In Florida, it is possible that a burn may occur at anytime throughout the year. Our prescribed burns will most likely take place during the months listed above. We've created a burn hotline to give our neighbors information, **727 582-BURN**. Please call this number to find out when and where we are burning. If you see fire or smoke call your local fire department.

Our native plants and animals are adapted to fire. Plants flourish and animals either run, fly or seek shelter to escape the flames.

Pinellas County's
Environmental Lands Division
1001 Lora Ln., Tarpon Springs, FL 34688



PRESCRIBED BURN NOTICE

SAMPLE LETTER
WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO BURN

Dear Neighbor,

As you may already know, the Pinellas County's Wildlands Fire Team has been conducting prescribed burns in your area and intends to do so in the near future if the weather permits. The Florida Division of Forestry will be assisting us with equipment and manpower.

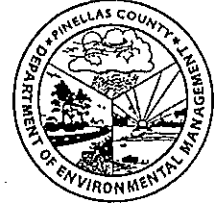
Prescribed burning is used regularly as a resource management tool by Pinellas County in natural areas and we wish to inform our neighbors that we must conduct these burns periodically to maintain our wildlife habitat and keep fuel loads in the preserves as low as possible. Continuance of this program means reducing the possibility of a destructive wildfire, which may threaten both our property and yours.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this program, please do not hesitate to call the County's Prescribed Burn Hot Line: 727- 582-BURN.

Why is prescribed burning necessary?

1. Wildlife Management
2. Disease Control
3. Habitat Restoration
4. Hazard Reduction
5. Access Improvement
6. Appearance Enhancement
7. Site Preparation

PRESCRIBED BURNING PLAN (Prescription)



Location:		Authorization No:			
Landowner:		Address:			
Telephone:	S:	T:	R:	County:	
Acres to Burn:	Distance to Plow:		Previous Burn Date:		
Stand Prescription:					
Overstory Type:		Height to Bottom of Crown:			
Understory Type:					
Fuel Description:		Topography and Soil:			
Purpose of Burn:					
Burn Objectives:					
Firing Techniques and Ignition Methods:					
Personnel Needs:		Equipment Needs:			
Maximum Crown Scorch Acceptable:		Passed Smoke Screening System:			
Listed Possible Smoke-Sensitive Areas:					
Special Precautions:					
Adjacent Landowners to Notify:					