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1/16/2024

The Honorable Shane Long
Judge
Palo Pinto County
PO Box 190
Palo Pinto, TX 76484-0190

Dear Judge Long:

CONTINUATION – We were unable to accomplish planned prescribed burns at Possum Kingdom State Park during our initial target timeframe. To keep you informed and in compliance with §11.354 Parks and Wildlife Code, we are notifying you that the Department still intends to conduct one or more prescribed burns at this site.

Our new target timeframe for these burns is between February 2024 and April 2024. However, burn opportunities are dependent on weather, vegetation conditions, current and expected fire danger, and many other considerations. These areas identified for burning may be burned up to April 2024. If we are unable to conduct these burns within this target timeframe, we will notify you of the next potential timeframe.

A site-specific Fire Management Plan for prescribed burning operations at Possum Kingdom State Park is in place and we will be happy to share a copy with your office if you desire. In addition, neighboring landowners have been notified of the Department's intentions with the attached letter and map. In order to reach the community at large a public notice will be published in the Graham Leader and Breckenridge American Newspapers prior to this burn period.

Additional community outreach on the upcoming burn may include information posted on the Department's website and social media outlets.

Advance notifications have also been made to County Judge Shane Long, Commissioner Gary Glover, Commissioner Mike Reed, Commissioner Michael Pierce, Commissioner Jeffery Fryer, Representative Glenn Rogers, Senator Drew Springer, nearby water utility officials and owners of any utility infrastructure within the prescribed burn area. Prior to ignition of any fires, city or county emergency services dispatch center, local area fire departments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will be notified to ensure they are aware of these actions.

Please contact Travis Cook at (940) 549-1803 or travis.cook@tpwd.texas.gov if you have any questions regarding the planed burn or notifications.

Sincerely,

Travis Cook
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Possum Kingdom State Park
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To find out more about the TPWD Wildland Fire Management visit our website, http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/wildland_fire_management/

Attachments: Landowner Notification Letter
Landowner Notification Map

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