

Bombay Hook prescribed burns through April

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Zone Fire Staff, local fire departments and the Delaware Forest Service, will begin a landscape burning program at the refuge.

This year's plan includes a total of nearly 600 acres of successional fields and impounded wetlands, which began Nov. 29 and will continue through the week of April 15, 2018, contingent upon optimal burn conditions.

The purposes for this year's burn will be to set back succession to early stages to benefit grassland dwelling birds, counteract undesired nonnative plant species and remove accumulated wildland hazardous fuels. The use of prescribed fire is an effective and cost-efficient method to accomplish these objectives. Trained prescribed burning specialists will conduct the burns.

Weather conditions such as rain and wind speed and direction will determine when the burning will occur. Bombay Hook Refuge's website will be updated frequently to inform the public regarding daily plans.

For more, call 653-9345 or visit fws.gov/refuge/Bombay_Hook.