



DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

To Myles Standish State Forest Visitors:

This season, MassWildlife is planning to conduct prescribed burns in the nearby Southeast Pine Barrens Wildlife Management Area in Plymouth. MassWildlife uses this valuable conservation tool to restore and maintain healthy forests, plants and habitats for wildlife. Whip-poor-will, Wild Turkey, Buck Moth and Wild Lupine are just a few examples of animals and plants which thrive in environments shaped by fire. Without the pine barrens habitat, a number of already rare animals and plants would vanish. For additional information on pine barrens restoration, visit www.mass.gov/guides/myles-standish-complex-pine-barrens-restoration.

Prescribed burns also help reduce hazardous conditions for devastating wildfires that put people and property at risk. MassWildlife has a long history conducting safe and effective prescribed burns. Each prescribed burn is carefully planned. Safety is the primary emphasis in all aspects of prescribed fire management. A prescribed burn can only take place when conditions are right to ensure safety and ecological restoration. Local Fire Officials and Air Quality Regulators are always notified and involved in issuing prescribed burn permits. The burns are conducted by a specially trained team skilled in fire management. In partnership with Mass DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control and the US National Park Service, MassWildlife will be conducting the burns in this wildlife management area.

Please feel free to contact MassWildlife staff below for additional information about this prescribed fire.



Southeast Pine Barrens Wildlife Management Area; inset: Buck Moth

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