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## **Scottsmoor Flatwoods Controlled Burn To Be Held Today**

SCOTTSMOOR, Fla. -- A 104-acre controlled burn in the Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary is planned for today between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, with assistance from the Florida Division of Forestry Wildfire Mitigation Team. The trails within the Sanctuary will be closed.

Prescribed fires involve the careful application of fire by professionals under specific weather and fuel conditions to achieve resource management goals. Benefits include the recycling of nutrients back into the soil, reduction of the risk and intensity of wildfires, restoration of plant and animal habitats, and control of plant disease.

The Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary is located west of US Highway 1, east of I-95 and south of Stuckway Road in north Brevard County. For more information, please contact Dean VanderBleek at 321-302-2622.

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