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## **BLM prescribed burning planned at Mittry Lake Wildlife Area and near Walter's Camp**

**YUMA, Ariz.** – Fire managers from the Bureau of Land Management's Colorado River District are planning to conduct prescribed burning at Mittry Lake Wildlife Area, about 12 miles north of Yuma and near Walter's Camp, about 26 miles south of Blythe, California, along the California side of the lower Colorado River in Imperial County, between November and March, as weather and fuel conditions allow.

The removal and prescribed burning of vegetation piles helps reduce the threat and spread of wildfires and improves access in these areas. Prescribed burning may occur multiple times during this time to eliminate piles of vegetation accumulated during maintenance and creation of fuel breaks at Mittry Lake Wildlife Area and just south of Walter's Camp and Tamarack Lagoon subdivision.

To ensure the safety of residents and visitors, BLM fire management personnel will ignite the piles when weather conditions are conducive to burning. Impacts from smoke will be monitored and are expected to be minimal.

Access to the burn areas may be temporarily restricted to provide for public safety.

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