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January 31, 2018

Hon. John A. Lawrence
1 Commerce Blvd., Suite 200
West Grove, PA 19390

Dear Neighbor:

This spring, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry plans to hold a prescribed burn of meadows at Goat Hill Wild Plant Sanctuary when weather conditions are optimal. Following the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Prescribed Fire Standards, the burn conducted by trained fire and forestry personnel will take place between early-March and late-May, starting in the mid-morning and completed before dusk.

Two burn locations, one 1.5 acres in size, the other 0.5 acres, are well on the interior of the 602-acre tract.

The serpentine barrens are home to many rare and endangered plant, animal and insect species that are being displaced by invading species such as scrub pines, greenbrier and juniper. A prescribed fire will help conserve this rare ecosystem.

The use of prescribed fire is widely accepted as a primary tool for habitat restoration and management. Prescribed fires are also an effective tool for preventing wildfires and managing the intensity and spread of wildfires. These fires are typically most beneficial when they mimic natural fire patterns in ecosystems, such as Goat Hill, that evolved with fire as a natural disturbance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our district office at 610-582-9660.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry works hard to protect all your State's natural resources here at the Goat Hill Wild Plant Sanctuary and across the State.

Sincerely,

Joe Frassetta
District Forester

Enclosure

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Burn Units

Units 1 & 2

West Nottingham Township, Chester County William Penn State Forest

0 0.125 0.25 miles



Map Date: January 22, 2018

