

Fort Ord Prescribed burns

Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network


LeVonne Stone, Executive Director

Dr. Peter deFur, TAG advisor


Presentation at the April 8, 2009 CIW

Copyright 2009

Prescribed burning is a community concern ...but it shouldn't have to be.



Levonne Stone
Executive Director
Fort Ord Environmental
Justice Network
Marina, CA



Peter deFur
Technical Advisor
Environmental
Stewardship Concepts
Richmond, VA

The citizens living around Fort Ord have indicated that the burning is a problem.

Burns affect neighborhood quality.

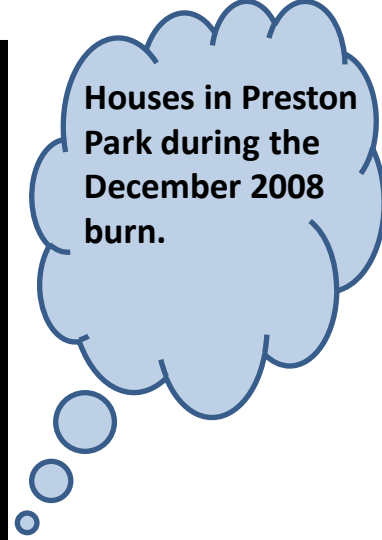
- Residents have complained of irritation from smoke inhalation and burning sensation in their eyes.

Not all citizens are able to escape the smoke, even if they wanted to.

- There is concern that the relocation program was not reinstated last year OR this year.

Safety is not 100% guaranteed during burning.

- In 2003, a burn went out of control and fires accidentally blazed through 1500 acres not specified for that burn plan.



Houses in Preston Park during the December 2008 burn.



Human error has led to consequences during past burn seasons.

These errors damage the Army's credibility amongst Fort Ord community members.

- Burns have gone out of control in 1999 and 2003.
- The 2003 fire burned so many acres that the smoke could be seen from space.
- Five months ago, in December 2008, a burn had to be cancelled because officials had not ordered enough fuel to conduct it properly.



Figure 5-3—Satellite Image of Smoke Dispersal on October 24

Due to past mistakes and unhealthy consequences, the community does not accept burning at Ford Ord as a feasible cleanup option!



Disclaimer “This document has been funded partly or wholly through the use of U.S EPA Technical Assistance Grant Funds. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the policies, actions or positions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network Inc. does not speak for nor represent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.”