

Prescribed burning is a community concern

...but it shouldn't have to be.



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

Burns affect neighborhood quality.

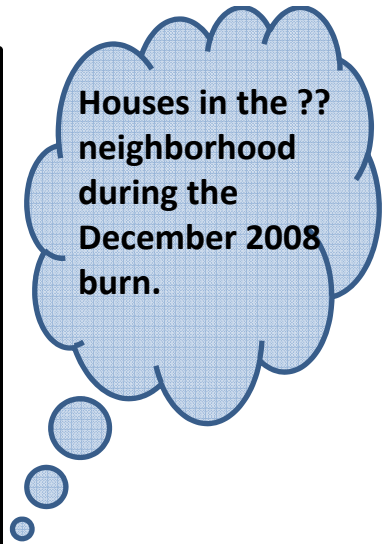
- Residents have complained of irritation from smoke inhalation and burning sensation in their eyes.

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.



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.

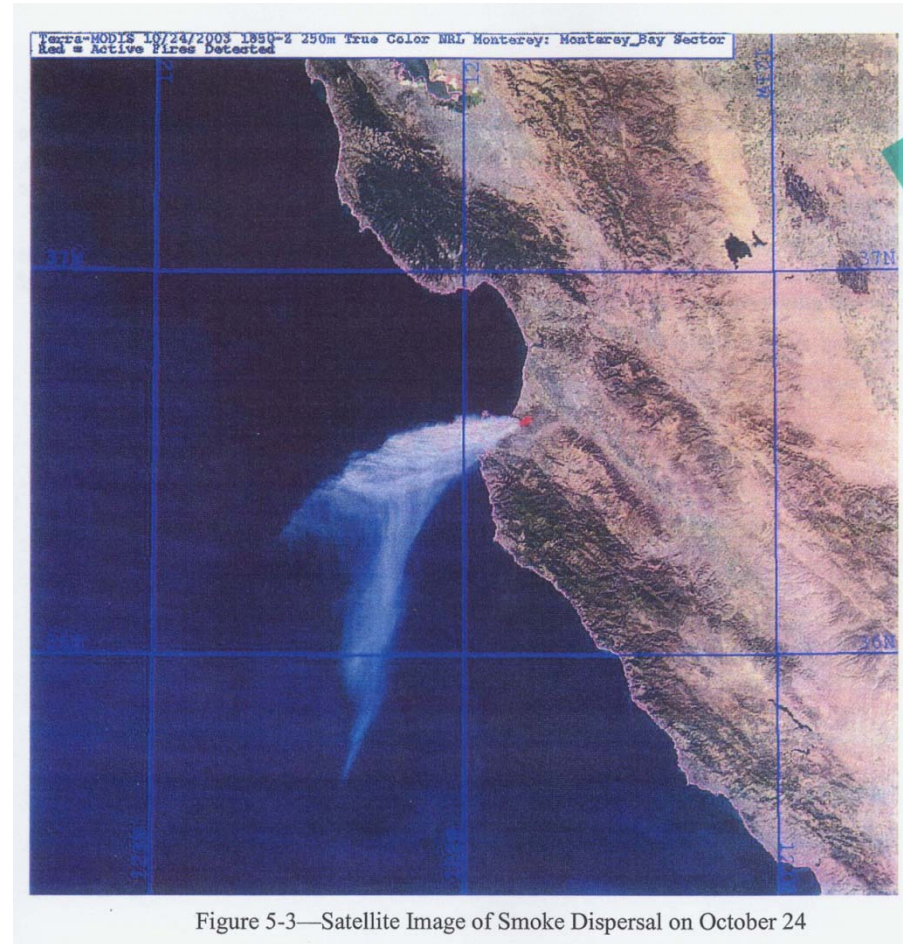


Figure 5-3—Satellite Image of Smoke Dispersal on October 24

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



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