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Correction Notice of News Release:

PRESCRIBED BURN AT BOYD HILL NATURE PRESERVE

St. Petersburg, FL (May 2022) – The US Forest Service, along with the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve staff, are conducting a prescribed fire at the preserve on Friday, May 6, beginning around 10:30 a.m. and will be conducted in unit 10 of the preserve, assuming favorable weather conditions. The prescribed fire was previously scheduled for Thursday, May 5, but, due to the shift in weather conditions, it was rescheduled.

Unit 10 is 20 acres of the preserve with trails. Access to all trails at the preserve will be closed. The map below shows the burn unit.



Prescribed fires, also known as prescribed burns or controlled burns, is a form of land management that refers to the controlled application of fire to vegetation by a team of fire experts under specified weather conditions to restore health to ecosystems. They are conducted to reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities from extreme fires, minimize the spread of pest insects and disease, improve habitats, and promote growth. Intervals between prescribed fires vary widely and are dependent upon the vegetation type, climate and topography.

For more information, please contact Boyd Hill Nature Preserve at 727-893-7326 or visit www.boydhillpreserve.com.

About the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve

Operated and maintained by the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department, the 245-acre Boyd Hill Nature Preserve is home to Lake Maggiore Environmental Recreation Center, Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, the Terry Tomalin Campground and the Birds of Prey exhibit. The preserve offers a wide variety of educational programs and recreational services for all ages, including camps, classes, events, tours and trails. Visit www.StPeteParksRec.org/boydhillpreserve to learn more.

About the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department

The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department is nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, and with 17 recreation facilities, nine swimming pools, over 150 parks and more than 70 athletic fields, the department makes it a mission to preserve and enhance the city's parklands and recreational facilities and engage the community in leisure activities. Visit www.StPeteParksRec.org to learn more.

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