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## **Prescribed Burn Planned at the Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve**

*~~Preserve will temporarily be closed while the prescribed burn is being conducted~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- A prescribed burn is planned for Pasco County's Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve in north central Pasco County. The burn is planned to take place on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 depending on the weather conditions. The burn is expected to start at 10:00 a.m.

Pasco County Natural Resources Division will be conducting the burn to reduce fuel levels, control invasive plants, and improve and restore wildlife habitat. The Preserve consists of approximately 130 acres, five of which are planned to be burned.

The Preserve will temporarily be closed during the burn. The Preserve is located at 17135 Minneola Drive in Spring Hill.

Please see the map below of the proposed burn area. For more information about the Preserve please visit [www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=657](http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=657).

