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Good afternoon

This notice is to inform everyone about information that has been circulating of the possibility of a controlled burn off of Nicholas Farm Rd, in the Western End of Coventry.

Yes in the coming weeks there will be some controlled burning, on State property of the Nicholas Farm Management Area. The location of this controlled burn will be off Nicholas Farm Rd to the North and West of Lewis Farm Rd.

This controlled burn is being sanctioned by the State of Rhode Island, DEM, Forestry Division. The state has contracted with an outside agency to organize and actually do the burning.

The company doing the burning is Northeast Forest and Fire Management LLC. Notices have been handed out and DEM has spoken with a few local homeowners and there will be a formal press release coming out soon.

There have been dates floating around of this burn happening between April 18, and Mid June of this year. In speaking with a representative from DEM, it looks as though the burn won't happen until Early to Mid May. The company is currently doing burns in Mass.

The area that is being burned covers approximately 20 acres. The company has planned on spending 3 days of actual burning, but if all goes as planned it may be completed in 2 days. The fire will be extinguished completely each day.

I have had a meeting with both, representatives of the company doing the burn, and DEM. I feel very confident & comfortable this burn will take place without incident. The company will have the resources to control and extinguish the fire. I will be monitoring the progress and visiting the site during the actual burn.

In the unlikely event the fire gets out of control, and is beyond their capabilities, they will contact the fire department for assistance.

Regards
Robert Mann, Chief,
Western Coventry FD