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MARIN COUNTY PARKS TO IMPLEMENT CONTROLLED BURN ON TERRA LINDA RIDGE

San Rafael, CA – Marin County Parks, in cooperation with the Marin County and San Rafael Fire Departments, will conduct a controlled burn on Terra Linda Ridge to remove an infestation of barbed goatgrass (*Aegilops triuncilais*), a non-native, invasive weed. The target date for the burn is Tuesday, July 5. The burn will take one day to complete, and will occur only if safe weather conditions exist. In addition, some pre-burn work (blacklining, which involves burning a small strip of land around the perimeter of the burn area) may occur on Friday, July 1. In the event that the burn cannot be conducted on this date, it will be rescheduled. For more information, contact Mischon Martin, Natural Resources Program Manager at (415) 507-2056.

“Goatgrass is one of the highest priority weeds in both the county and state. We are using the best science available to restore these lands,” said Elise Holland, Planning and Resource Chief. Barbed goatgrass is a fast-spreading, introduced weed that is expanding across California's grasslands and is a major threat to Marin's agricultural community. Because this grass is not yet well established in Marin, it is critical to prevent its spread. Although there are a variety of methods to control it—such as hand pulling, weed whipping, and herbicide—research shows that controlled burning is the most effective.

During the controlled burn, all care will be taken to minimize the impact of smoke. However, people with respiratory concerns may wish to leave the area for part of the day.

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