

**News Release: Prescribed Burn Planned on Mark Twain National Forest
Scheduled for February 12, 2016.**

Mark Twain National Forest is planning a prescribed fire Friday, February 12, 2016, about 9 miles southeast of Bradleyville, Missouri south of Highway 76 and east of Highway 125 in Taney County.

The “Brushy/Clayton” prescribed fire on Mark Twain National Forest’s Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs District will include a total of about 2,590 acres.

The prescribed fire will start at about 10 a.m. and end around 6 p.m. The prescribed burn will be carried out by a highly trained crew of professional wildland firefighters. The purpose is to reduce hazardous fuels. A final decision to proceed with the prescribed burn will be made Friday morning based on weather and fuel conditions on the burn area.

This prescribed burn may create a large smoke column that can be seen for several miles. If you are in this area, smoke will be in the air Friday and Friday night. Be alert for fire personnel and fire traffic if you are travelling in this vicinity. There may still be active flames overnight within the burn area. Firefighters will patrol the control lines until they are secure and the fire is out.

For more information about Mark Twain National Forest, visit [the website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf)