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Health Department
Town of North Andover
1600 Osgood St.
North Andover, MA 01845

RE: Weir and Boston Hill Prescribed Fire Program continues this spring

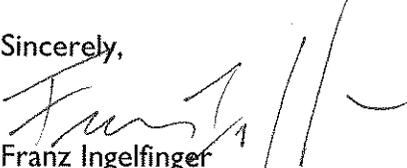
Greetings North Andover Board of Health,

This spring the Trustees of Reservation, in partnership with the North Andover Fire Department, The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Bureau of Fire Control, Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and US Fish and Wildlife Service, will continue our Prescribed Fire Program at Weir and Boston Hill.

Over the course of up to four weekdays between **March 15 and May 28** (weather depending), this Partnership will apply a prescribed fire (or controlled burn) to 5-10 acres on Weir Hill and 5-10 acres on Boston Hill for the purposes of: protecting and promoting habitat for rare species; improving public and firefighter safety by reducing fuel loads; and providing training opportunities for North Andover Fire Fighters.

Our Air Quality Permit issued by DEP requires that we provided your Department with written notice a minimum of one week prior to burn activity and verbal notification within 24 hours of any scheduled prescribed fire activity.

Sincerely,


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