



# Public Information Fact Sheet

## Garden Prescribed Burn – May 2018

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest fire crews are planning to conduct a prescribed burn on 195 acres of National Forest lands following a recent timber harvest south of the Namekagon Town Hall. The purpose of Garden Prescribed Burn is to promote the regeneration of red oak, while retaining mature trees as a seed source. The low intensity ground fire will consume logging slash on the forest floor, creating the perfect seedbed for acorns this fall.

The burn is projected to occur over the next 2-5 days depending on weather conditions.



Some CAMBA trails within the Namekagon Trail Cluster (parts of Namekagon and Pasty Lake Trails) will be temporarily closed during and immediately after burning operations. Please watch for and respect trail closures as they are in place for your safety.

Visitors can expected to see fire personnel in the Namekagon Town Hall area, and the potential for smoke to be in the area. Fire personnel will be on site monitoring the prescribed burn for several days.

After the firelines are secured and the burn declared out, visitors can watch Mother Nature take over and transform black into green as a new crop of red oak seedlings take hold.

During the next 3-5 years, a second burn is planned in the same area to reduce competition with the hardy fire resilient oak, allowing the young trees to grow taller.

For more information, please contact the Great Divide Ranger District at 715-634-4821.

