INCIDENT SUMMARY

A 100-acre prescribed burn was conducted in the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. The burn ignited an unknown substance in the subsurface, which a hazmat team recommended allowing to burn out. DNR wardens and Sauk County Sheriff Department alerted residences on Keller Road at 12:45am of a voluntary evacuation.

DNR’s Southwest District Incident Management Team (SWD IMT) was activated to assist with monitoring the prescribed burn, keep internal and external partners updated and respond to media inquiries.

Today: 2.2” rain fell on the site since last night. Monitoring continued for smoke and other hazards. An infrared drone flight was completed over the area and found the area of concern holding no more heat than outside the area.

Next steps: Property managers will be contacted to discuss continued closures in the area for public safety. Voluntary evacuation order has been lifted and Sauk County Emergency Management has been notified. A request will be submitted to fly infrared drone in early morning to check the area and monitoring will continue through the weekend.

ACRES
100 acres of prescribed burn

INCIDENT LOCATION
Sauk Prairie Recreation Area
NW of intersection of Hwy 78 and Keller Road

DNR RESOURCES ON SCENE
WI Dells

OTHER RESOURCES
None

VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS
None at this time

WEATHER CONDITIONS
Rain in forecast tonight, sunny with milder temperatures expected this weekend

INJURIES
None reported

CLOSURES
A portion of the property remains closed to the public at this time and is posted on DNR website