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VEAZIE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT BURNS ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS

Veazie, ME - The Veazie Fire Department in coordination with the Maine Forest Service and PanAm Railways will be conducting hazardous reduction burns along the railroad tracks on Saturday, April 3, 2010. Over the past several years we have experienced several significant fires along the tracks with the most recent fires in March of 2010. These burns are necessary to remove brush, overgrowth and dead or dried out grass that has accumulated along the railroad right of ways.

Officials say these burns will be contingent upon the right weather conditions and fuel moisture and may continue later in the week. "We have a short window of opportunity to do these burns," said Captain Pete Metcalf of the Veazie Fire Department. "With the rain over the past week and warmer weather on the way we are going to see these areas start to green up. Once that occurs the ability to do these hazardous reduction burns decreases."

Captain Metcalf added that these burns are planned to start around 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and will continue until late afternoon or until the weather conditions change.

During these burns, personnel and apparatus will be on the roadways, on the side of the road and in the right of ways. Signage will be posted but please use extreme caution when driving through town. Anyone living near the railroad tracks are encouraged to keep doors and windows closed.

Please contact the Veazie Fire Department at 945-5627 should you have any concerns or questions.

