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July 1, 2024

## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Nate Simons, Executive Director  
Blue Heron Ministries  
2955 W Orland Road  
Angola, Indiana 46703  
[StuartBHeron1@hotmail.com](mailto:StuartBHeron1@hotmail.com)

Re: Open Burning Approval Pursuant to 326 IAC 4-1  
PB-292455  
Scudder's Residential Prairie  
Wolcottville, LaGrange County

Dear Nate Simons:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), received a five (5) year open burning approval request from Blue Heron Ministries. At this time, IDEM approves the request to conduct a 2 unit, 20.4 total acre prescribed burn of grasses, forbs, leaf litter, and encroaching successional growth for native vegetation restoration/maintenance purposes at the Scudder's Residential Prairie, located at 15 E 700 S in Wolcottville, LaGrange County.

The following contacts must be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date and time of the burning:

- LaGrange County Health Department
- LaGrange County Sheriff's Department
- Wolcottville Volunteer Fire Department
- IDEM Northern Regional Office ([IDEM\\_NRO@idem.IN.gov](mailto:IDEM_NRO@idem.IN.gov))

Following are the conditions for the prescribed burn:

- 1) Only vegetation shall be burned.
- 2) No burning shall be conducted:
  - a. When an Air Quality Action Day (AQAD) has been issued for ozone and/or PM<sub>2.5</sub>. An AQAD is declared when health levels are forecasted to be "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" or greater;
  - b. When an open burning ban has been declared by either state or local officials ([www.IN.gov/dhs/burnban/](http://www.IN.gov/dhs/burnban/)); or
  - c. During unfavorable meteorological conditions (high winds, temperature inversions, and/or air stagnation).

Visit [apps.idem.in.gov/smogwatch/Today.aspx](https://apps.idem.in.gov/smogwatch/Today.aspx), or contact Mark Derf at (317) 233-5682, for additional information.

- 3) Burning shall be conducted during daylight hours only, and all fires shall be extinguished prior to sunset.
- 4) This burn is exempt from the 1,000 cubic foot size limitation of 326 IAC 4-1-4.1(d)(13).
- 5) If at any time the fire creates an air pollution problem, a threat to public health, a nuisance, or a fire hazard, the burning shall be extinguished.
- 6) This approval letter shall be made available at the burning site to state and local officials upon request.
- 7) Adequate firefighting equipment shall be on-site for extinguishing purposes during burning times.
- 8) Burning may take place within one hundred (100) feet of any structure or powerline; or three hundred (300) feet of a frequently traveled road, fuel storage area, or pipeline, only if adequate precautions are taken. Wind speed, direction, mixing height, and transport winds shall be considered prior to beginning the burn so that there is minimal or no impact to nearby roads, structures, powerlines, fuel storage areas, or pipelines.



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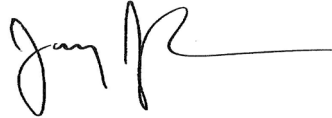


- 9) Fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished.
- 10) All burning must comply with other federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- 11) The issuance of this 5-year approval is subject to the description of the burning contained in the burn plan submitted with this approval request application (copy enclosed). Any change in the proposed burn plan must receive an additional approval letter unless the change is to reduce open burning submitted in the burn plan, or the change is to conduct burning exempted under 326 IAC 4-1-3.
- 12) This approval does not become effective until after fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in the *LaGrange Standard*.

**This approval expires on July 1, 2029.**

Please direct any questions to Brock Jones, Compliance Inspector, at (317) 233-2721 or [BJones2@idem.IN.gov](mailto:BJones2@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,



Janusz Johnson, Chief  
Compliance and Enforcement Branch  
Office of Air Quality

ENCLOSURE: Multi-Year Burn Plan (4 Total Pages)

cc: LaGrange County Health Department ([agarcia@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:agarcia@lagrangecounty.org))  
LaGrange County Sheriff's Department ([jcampos@lagrangesd.com](mailto:jcampos@lagrangesd.com))  
LaGrange REMC ([THelmer@LaGrangeREMC.com](mailto:THelmer@LaGrangeREMC.com))  
Wolcottville Volunteer Fire Department  
Property Owner ([myscudderjr@gmail.com](mailto:myscudderjr@gmail.com))  
IDEM Northern Regional Office ([IDEM\\_NRO@idem.IN.gov](mailto:IDEM_NRO@idem.IN.gov); [jweingar@idem.in.gov](mailto:jweingar@idem.in.gov))  
John Alexander, IDEM NRO ([jealexan@idem.IN.gov](mailto:jealexan@idem.IN.gov))  
Brock Jones, IDEM OAQ ([BJones2@idem.IN.gov](mailto:BJones2@idem.IN.gov))



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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LaGrange Standard  
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Re: Open Burning Approval Pursuant to 326 IAC 4-1  
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Scudder's Residential Prairie  
Wolcottville, LaGrange County

Dear Legal Advertising:

Enclosed, please find one (1) Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Notice of Public Comment for a 5-year open burning approval issued to Blue Heron Ministries to conduct a prescribed burn for native vegetation maintenance purposes. IDEM must comply with the 15-day Notice Period requirement, therefore we request you print this Notice one time as soon as possible.

**We are required by the Auditor's Office to request you place the Federal ID Number on this claim. Please send a notarized form and clipping showing the date of publication along with the billing to:**

Attn: Trudy Price  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
MC 50-10A, Room 1340  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Please direct any questions to me at (317)233-2721 or by email at [BJones2@idem.IN.gov](mailto:BJones2@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,

Brock Jones, Compliance Inspector  
Air Compliance Section 2  
Office of Air Quality

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NOTICE OF OPEN BURNING APPROVAL  
PB-292455

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has approved a 5-year request submitted by Blue Heron Ministries to conduct a 2 unit, 20.4 total acre prescribed burn of grasses, forbs, leaf litter, and encroaching successional growth for native vegetation restoration/maintenance purposes at the Scudder's Residential Prairie, located at 15 E 700 S in Wolcottville, LaGrange County.

Any affected person wishing to challenge this decision is required by Indiana Code (IC) Section 4-21.5-3-7 to file a petition for administrative review. (Please note that a "petition for administrative review" is not a compilation of interested party signatures but is a legal document, the requirements of which are described in IC 4-21.5-3-7.) The petition must be submitted in writing to N-501E, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, within fifteen (15) days of the publication of this newspaper notice.

Pursuant to IC 13-14-8-11 (formerly IC 13-7-7-6), IC 4-21.5-3-5 and IC 4-21.5-3-7, this decision will become effective fifteen (15) days after the publication date of this newspaper notice or, in the case of individuals who have received personal notifications, eighteen (18) days after the mailing date of this Notice of Approval unless a petition for review is submitted by an affected party. Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-5(d), the Office of Environmental Adjudication will provide an interested party with notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearing, or orders disposing of the review of this decision if a written request is submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication. Further information regarding the appeal process is available at <https://www.in.gov/oea/2370.htm>.

A copy of the Approval decision is available for inspection and copying at the following:

- LaGrange County Health Department, 304 N. Townline Road, LaGrange
- LaGrange County Public Library, 203 W. Spring Street, LaGrange
- IDEM Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) at [vfc.idem.in.gov](http://vfc.idem.in.gov)
  - The Approval can be found in VFC by using the following search criteria:
    - *Program*: OAQ
    - *Document Type*: Compliance
    - *FullText Search*: PB-292455



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VIA US POSTAL SERVICE

LaGrange County Public Library  
203 W. Spring Street  
LaGrange, Indiana 46761-1899

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Wolcottville, LaGrange County

Dear LaGrange County Public Library:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requests the use of library services statewide to better disseminate open burning approval information to the public for their review and comment. Enclosed is a copy of a 5-year open burning approval issued to Blue Heron Ministries, for which an approval notice will be published in the local newspaper, *LaGrange Standard*. In this notice, your library has been designated as a location where the public can access and review the enclosed information.

Please allow patrons to access this information for reading and/or copying. These are not copyright documents, and your current policies regarding photocopy charges apply. We ask this document to be maintained for at least fifteen (15) days from the date of publication in the *LaGrange Standard*. You are not responsible for collecting or responding to comments or questions regarding the approval.

Please direct any questions to Brock Jones, Compliance Inspector, (317)233-2721 or [BJones2@idem.IN.gov](mailto:BJones2@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,

Janusz Johnson, Chief  
Compliance and Enforcement Branch  
Office of Air Quality

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# PRESCRIBED BURNING PLAN

**AREA NAME:** Scudder

**Physical Address:** 0015 E 700 S Wolcottville, IN 46795

**County:** LaGrange, IN

**Burn Unit size:** Unit A: 7.76 acres, Unit B: 12.3 acres

**Projected burn date:** January 1 2024 – December 31 2029

**Description of area:** The burn units is owned by Mike & Sarah Scudder. The level to gently rolling fields were planted with warm season grasses, native forbs, and a small area with seasonal wetland forbs in the winter of 2019. There are planted tree islands at the perimeter of both units. The tree islands are planted with more forbs and less grasses than the open prairie. A walking path surrounds both units and also around some of the tree islands.

Unit A is shaped like a square with a small chunk taken out of the southern portion. It is bounded on the west by a gravel drive with a warm season grass prairie and open semi-wet woods. The north is bounded by a gravel drive for the western half with wet woods just beyond, while the eastern half is bounded by upland woods. The east is bounded by upland open woods that has a two-track lane paralleling the line. The south is bounded by county road E 700 S with a portion of the center going around a cemetery.

Unit B is mostly square shaped with a long strip heading north along the western half. It is bounded on the west by a gravel drive with a wet woods and board walk just beyond. The northern and eastern lines of the protrusion and north line of the square is bounded by a wet woods that opens into open water of Dallas Lake. The east line of the square is bounded by a fence line of trees with an agricultural field just beyond. The south is bounded by upland woods. The same woods that is on the north side of unit A.

Fire control lanes are ten (10) foot mowed grass and the gravel drive.

## **Burn objectives:**

1. Reintroduce a natural phenomenon in the management of the units.
2. Top-kill any woody brush to set back succession.
3. Reduce litter to assist in the continued establishment of the newly seeded areas.
4. Suppress cool-season grass to encourage expansion of prairie vegetation.
5. Stimulate germination and establishment of the newly planted prairies.

**Previous burn history:** The units have been burned semiannually since 2021

## **Range of acceptable weather conditions:**

Wind speed: <11 mph at eye level

Wind direction: southwest and northwest not preferred but any wind direction is acceptable.

Relative humidity: 60% to 25%

Temperature: above 32 deg. F.

Days since last rain: >2

Time of year: spring

## **EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL NEEDS**

### **Burning equipment**

2 Flappers  
2 Rakes  
4 Drip Torches  
1 Matches or Lighter  
1 Drip Torch Fuel  
1 4X4 pumper truck (100 gallons)  
2 Water Packs  
1 Belt weather kit

### **Safety equipment (per individual)**

Helmet  
Gloves  
Eye protection  
Nomex Clothing  
Cell phone (burn boss)  
Two-way Radios (1 per crewmember)  
Road signs

**Crew size:** 4

**Source:** Blue Heron Ministries

**Burn Boss:** Nate Simons, Phil Bieberich, John Brittenham, Josh Hall

**Crew division of labor:**

- 2 ignition (experience with BHM prescribed fires).
- 1 crew boss in charge of ignition crews and suppression with water pack (experience with BHM prescribed fires).
- 1 burn boss suppression with water pack in charge of lookout and communications.

**PERMIT, NOTIFICATION, SAFETY**

**Permits required:** Variance from 326 IAC 4-1 (IDEM)

**Notifications (Agency, Individual, Date Notified):**

Mike Scudder (owner): 312-316-2137

Contact day of burn

LaGrange County Communications (Sheriff): (260) 463-7491 ext.4

Contact prior to burn

Wolcottville Volunteer Fire Department (Johnson Twp): 260-854-4545

Dispatch will contact day of burn.

**Sources of Emergency Aid:** 911

**First Aid:** same

**Firefighting:** thru county dispatch (911)

**Police:** same

**Traffic control and/or public safety considerations:** Smoke on the adjacent, lightly-traveled county road (W 700 S) should not be a safety issue.

**Neighbors notified:** no

**News services:** no

**FIRING TECHNIQUES AND PREPARATIONS**

Make a diagram on next page showing ignition sequence, equipment and man power placement, and any other important information.

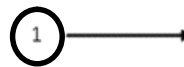
Scale:

Burn area

Firebreak

Ignition sequence and direction

On map.



**Firing techniques projected; effects of wind shift during the burn:** With a south wind, a ring fire will be attempted for unit B. Unit B will be completed first, once unit B is secured unit A will be attempted with a modified ring fire. 4X4 and water packs will assist in control line wetting and will be available to advance in the event of an escape.

Unit B

Starting on the most northern line, 2 ignition/suppression crews will travel in alternate directions and will back and flank burn along the control lines. The head fire will be ignited once adequate black is obtained on the downwind and flank sides of the fire.

Unit A

Starting in the middle of the northern line, 2 ignition/suppression crew will travel in alternate direction and will back and flank burn along the control lines. Once each group reaches the south east and south west corner, and there is an adequate amount of black on the flank and downwind sides of the fire, they will light head fire by traveling straight to the middle of the north line of the cemetery. From there they shall proceed in alternate direction around the cemetery back and flank burning. Once they have reached the south line and an adequate amount of black has been obtained, they will light head fire

Safety zones are in blackened areas, mowed control lanes, and gravel drive.

**Contingency plans:** The burn boss is in charge of coordinating all contingency plans. Crew members will be instructed to directly notify the burn boss of conditions that may warrant initiation of a contingency plan. Each crew member will have direct contact with the crew boss via hand-held radios and/or cell phones. Personnel safety zones are in blackened areas, a pond, and two-track lanes. Near the south west corner of unit A, will be the staging the staging area and the primary safety zone. If a contingency plan is put into effect due to weather or fire behavior changes, crew will retreat to the primary safety zone. Escape routes to the safety zone include mown fire control lanes, gravel drive, and blackened areas. The burn boss will be responsible to contact emergency response if the conditions warrant. The burn boss will coordinate with responding emergency units.

Sherriff dispatch will be informed prior to the fire to contact the crew boss of complaints of smoke affecting private residences. In the event that dispatch instructs the crew boss to shut down the fire, the crew boss will initiate shut down procedures. All ignition operations will cease. Crew assignments will be given by the burn boss to redirect efforts to fire suppression. Water packs, and the truck pumper will be used to put the fire out.

In the event of an escape, the crew member spotting the escape will contact the burn boss. The burn boss will initiate contingency operations. All ignition operations will cease. Suppression will begin from an anchor point and will advance along the flanks (from the black) toward the head until the escape is controlled. In the event direct attack does not control the escape, alternate firing of land upwind of the escape may contain the escape. Should alternate firing not be feasible or deemed ineffective with 15 minutes, emergency back-up will be called by the burn boss.

Should a 180° wind shift produce winds from the north, fire will be driven towards the open woods from unit B. The prepared control lines should serve as a fire break. If the fire enters the woods, the rate of spread will be slower than in the open field. Time should allow for control of an escape into the woods. For unit A, the fire will be driven towards the cemetery and the paved county road E 700 S. The control line and road should serve as fire breaks. Should the fire enter the cemetery, the mown lawn grass doesn't contain enough material to sustain a fire.

**Fire breaks to prepare:** Mown ten (10) feet fire breaks at the unit perimeter will be prepared prior to the burn.

**Proposal prepared by:** Josh Hall

**Date:** 1/29/2021

**Updated by:** Josh Hall

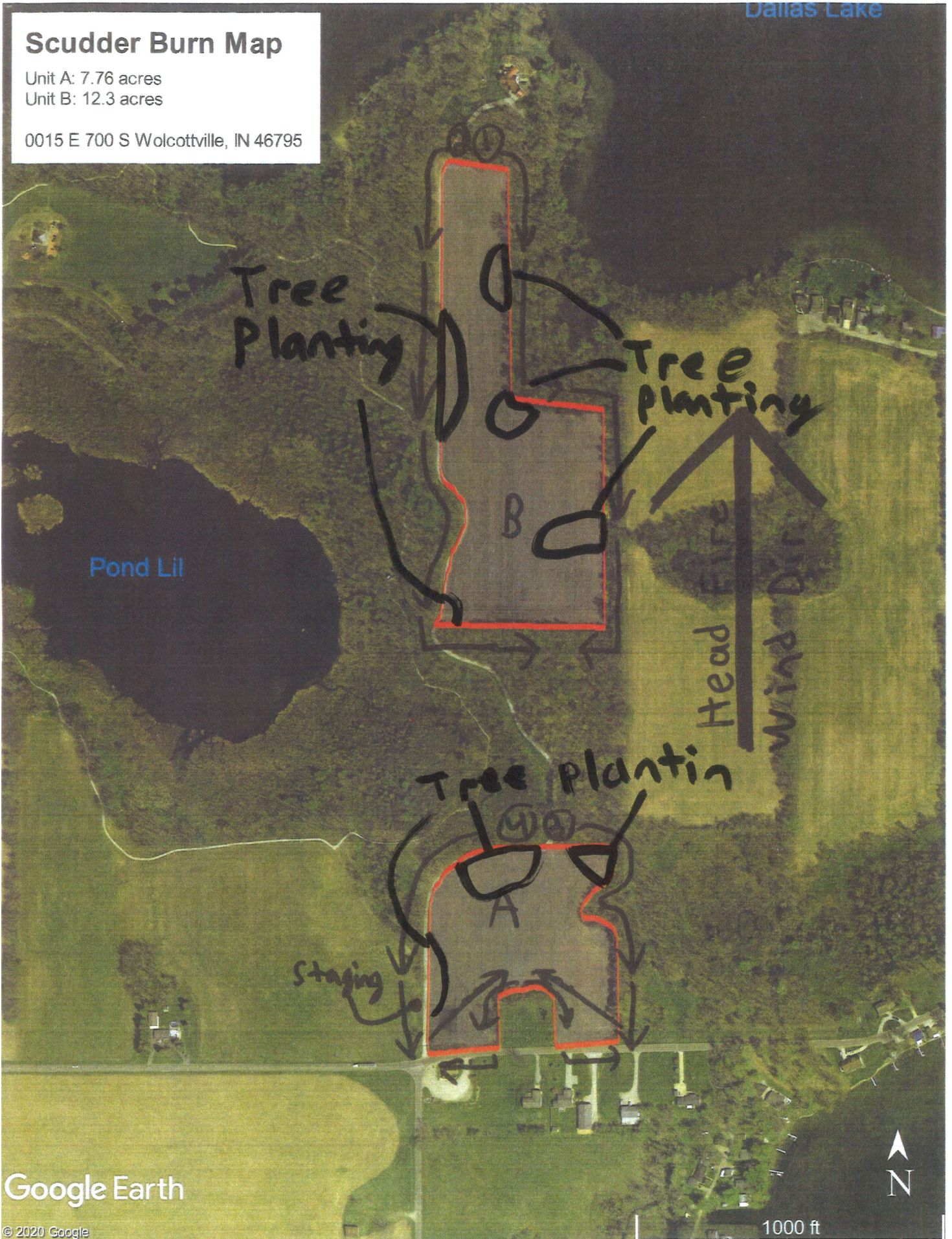
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# Scudder Burn Map

Unit A: 7.76 acres  
Unit B: 12.3 acres

0015 E 700 S Wolcottville, IN 46795



Google Earth

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1000 ft



**From:** [Amber Shonk](#)  
**To:** [Weaver, Theresa A](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Lagrange Standard - Request for Publication - OPEN BURNING APPROVAL PB-292455  
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Received, thank you.  
Your legal notice will publish as follows:  
LaGrange Standard News  
7.10.2024

Thanks

On Mon, Jul 1, 2024 at 7:57 AM Weaver, Theresa A <[TAWeaver@idem.in.gov](mailto:TAWeaver@idem.in.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

I need the attached public notice published one time as soon as possible. If you could, please send a reply to this email stating that you received it and when you have it scheduled to publish. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.



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Theresa Weaver  
Administrative Assistant  
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**REQUEST FOR PRESCRIBED VEGETATION  
BURN APPROVAL UNDER 326 IAC 4-1**

State Form 50864 (R6 / 1-22)

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OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY – COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251  
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E-mail: [burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov](mailto:burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov)  
Website: [www.in.gov/idem/openburning](http://www.in.gov/idem/openburning)

**NOTES:**

- This form is used to request an approval to conduct prescribed vegetation burning, in accordance with 326 IAC 4-1. Complete and return this form, along with the Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635) form, to the Office of Air Quality e-mail address provided in the upper right-hand corner.
- In case of questions, call (317) 233-5672 or e-mail [burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov](mailto:burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov).

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APPROVAL ID NUMBER	ASSIGNED TO
PB-292455	BKJ

**INSTRUCTIONS**

► Part A requires contact information of the individual requesting the approval. Part B requires contact information of the responsible party conducting the burning. Part C requires information on the physical location of the burn site, which may include parcel numbers, nearby intersections, GPS, Public Land Survey System (PLSS), or 911 address. Part D requires the duration of the approval being requested. Part E is a checklist of supporting documentation to be included with the approval request. Part F requires information for each of the burn units where prescribed burning will be conducted. If required, include a mitigation statement describing steps that will be taken to ensure the identified item(s) / area(s) are protected from adverse impacts from smoke and fire during the burning. Once completed, **sign and date** this form in Part G and submit it, along with the **signed** "Identification of Potentially Affected Persons"<sup>1</sup> (State Form 49635), at least sixty (60) days prior to the projected burn start date to [burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov](mailto:burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov).

**PART A: INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING APPROVAL**

Name: <b>Nate Simons</b>	Title: <b>Executive Director</b>	E-mail Address: <b>stuartbheron1@hotmail.com</b>
Company Name: <b>Blue Heron Ministries</b>	Company Mailing Address: <b>2955 W. Orland Rd. Angola, IN 46703</b>	Telephone Number: <b>260-316-2498</b>

**PART B: RESPONSIBLE PARTY CONDUCTING PRESCRIBED BURN**

Name: <b>Same as above</b>	Title:	E-mail Address:
Company Name:	Company Mailing Address:	Telephone Number:

**PART C: PRESCRIBED BURN LOCATION AND INFORMATION**

Site Name: <b>Scudder</b>	Site Location: <b>0015 E 700 S Wolcottville, IN 46795</b>
County: <b>LaGrange</b>	Projected Burn Date(s) or Burn Season(s): <b>January 1 2024 – December 31 2029</b>
Total Number of Acres to Be Burned: <b>20.4</b>	Local Fire Department Name and Mailing Address: <b>Wolcottville Volunteer Fire Department (Johnson Twp), PO Box 470 600 w county line rd Wolcottville 46795</b>

Purpose of Prescribed Burn:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invasive species management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain biodiversity of an established natural area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Control successional growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reintroduction of natural fire for seed propagation
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

**PART D: BURN APPROVAL DURATION**

Requested approval duration (years):  1  2  3  4  5

Note: An approval cannot be issued for more than one year if the prescribed burn site is located in Lake, Porter, Clark, or Floyd counties.

**PART E: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST**

The following supporting documentation should be included as part of the burn approval request, as applicable:	Included:
• Detailed burn plan (required to be submitted for burn approvals more than one (1) year in duration)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Burn site map, with legend, identifying overall site, each burn unit, right of ways, and smoke sensitive areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Copy of prescribed burn/fire behavior training certificate(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
• Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

<sup>1</sup> Identification of Potentially Affected Persons (State Form 49635) available online at [www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oaq\\_compliance](http://www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oaq_compliance)

**PART F: BURN UNIT DETAILS**

► A burn unit is a defined area located within a burn site. A mitigation statement is required for a burn unit if one or more of the conditions indicated with an asterisk (\*) are selected. The mitigation statement should describe steps that will be taken to ensure the identified item(s)/area(s) are protected from adverse impacts from smoke and fire during the burning. If the necessary mitigation statement(s) are included in an included burn plan, state "See attached burn plan". Copies of this form section may be attached to identify additional burn units, if necessary.

Burn Unit Name/ID: <b>Unit A</b>	Number of Acres: <b>7.8</b>	Vegetation Type(s) (genus, species, or plant family) to be Burned: <b>Early establishment warm season grass prairie.</b>
The burn unit is located within (*mitigation statement required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An incorporated area <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 100 feet of a structure, powerline, or utility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a frequently traveled road <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a fuel storage area, or pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 500 feet of a railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>		Mitigation Statement (if applicable): <small>For structures: Fuels will be reduced within 25 ft. of the structure by moving and raking fuel away from the area (if the area adjacent to the structure is lawn grasses, fuel is not sufficient to carry fire). Weather conditions for the burn will be selected such that the likelihood of a head fire running in the direction of the structure is reduced. Further, at the time of the burn, a wet line will be laid at the 25 ft. perimeter as necessary, and a backing fire of low intensity will be ignited and widened to create a 50 ft. buffer adjacent to the area prior to igniting a head fire.</small> <small>For power line Right of Way: Fuels will be reduced within 10 ft. of the power line ROW by moving and raking fuel away from the area (if the area adjacent to the power line is lawn grasses, fuel is not sufficient to carry fire). Weather conditions for the burn will be selected such that the likelihood of a head fire running in the direction of the power line is reduced. Further, at the time of the burn, a wet line will be laid at the 10 ft. perimeter as necessary, and a backing fire of low intensity will be ignited and widened to create a 25 ft. buffer adjacent to the area prior to igniting a head fire. Wooden poles will be wetted during the fire to further reduce the potential for ignition.</small>

Burn Unit Name/ID: <b>Unit B</b>	Number of Acres: <b>12.3</b>	Vegetation Type(s) (genus, species, or plant family) to be Burned: <b>Early establishment warm season grass prairie</b>
The burn unit is located within (*mitigation statement required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An incorporated area <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 100 feet of a structure, powerline, or utility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a frequently traveled road <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a fuel storage area, or pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 500 feet of a railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>		Mitigation Statement (if applicable):

Burn Unit Name/ID:	Number of Acres:	Vegetation Type(s) (genus, species, or plant family) to be Burned:
The burn unit is located within (*mitigation statement required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An incorporated area <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 100 feet of a structure, powerline, or utility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a frequently traveled road <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 300 feet of a fuel storage area, or pipeline <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>• 500 feet of a railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>		Mitigation Statement (if applicable):

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**PART G: SIGNATURE**

I hereby certify the information above and attached are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 	Title: <b>Executive Director</b>	Company Name: <b>Blue Heron Ministries</b>
Printed Name: <b>Nate Simons</b>	E-mail Address: <b>stuartbheron@hotmail.com</b>	Date: <b>6.20.24</b>



# IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PERSONS

State Form 49635 (R7 / 1-22)

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY – COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

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Website: [www.in.gov/idem/openburning](http://www.in.gov/idem/openburning)

### NOTES:

- This form identifies surrounding property owners who may be considered an affected person upon issuance of an open burning approval. As part of the open burning approval process, and to comply with the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act (IC 4-21.5-3-5), this form must be included when submitting an open burning approval request. This form, along with the applicable open burning request form, should be submitted to the Office of Air Quality email address provided in the upper right-hand corner.
- In case of questions, call (317) 233-5672 or e-mail [burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov](mailto:burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov).

### INSTRUCTIONS

► Part A requires the name, physical location, and owner contact information of the burn site property. Part B requires the public utility/right of way (ROW) owner contact information if the burn site is located within 100 feet of a roadway or power or communication line, within 300 feet of a pipeline, or within 500 feet of a railroad. Part C identifies the total number of affected persons located within 500 feet of the burn site. If there are fifteen (15) affected persons or fewer located within 500 feet of the burn site, each property owner and mailing address should be included in Part D. The Office of Air Quality will provide those listed in Part D with a copy of the decision. If there are more than fifteen (15) affected persons, select the appropriate box and skip Part D as a public notice of the approval will be issued. Once completed, **sign and date this form** in Part E and submit it, along with the applicable open burning request form<sup>1</sup>, at least sixty (60) days prior to the projected burn start date to [burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov](mailto:burnapprovals@idem.IN.gov).

### PART A: BURN SITE PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Name: <b>Scudder</b>	Burn Site Property Physical Address: <b>0015 E 700 S Wolcottville, IN 46795</b>
Property Owner Name: <b>Mike &amp; Sarah Scudder</b>	Property Owner Mailing Address: <b>5109 Harvey Ave. Western Springs, IL 60558</b>
Property Owner Telephone Number: <b>+1 (312) 316-2137</b>	Property Owner E-mail Address: <b>myscudderjr@gmail.com</b>

### PART B: PUBLIC UTILITY/RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) OWNERS CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide public utility/right of way (ROW) owner contact information if burn site is located within 100 feet of roadway, power, or communication line, 300 feet of pipeline, or 500 feet of a railroad.

ROW Company: <b>LaGrange County Highway Department</b>	ROW Company Mailing Address: <b>300 E Factory St. LaGrange, IN 46761</b>	
ROW Contact Name: <b>Tharon Morgan, Engineer</b>	E-mail Address: <b>tmorgan@lagrangecounty.org</b>	Telephone Number: <b>260-499-6379</b>
ROW Company: <b>LaGrange REMC</b>	ROW Company Mailing Address: <b>1995 US-20, LaGrange IN 46761</b>	
ROW Contact Name: <b>Terry Helmer, Operations Manager</b>	E-mail Address: <b>thelmer@lagrangeremc.com</b>	Telephone Number: <b>260-463-7165</b>
ROW Company:	ROW Company Mailing Address:	
ROW Contact Name:	E-mail Address:	Telephone Number:

### PART C: NUMBER OF AFFECTED PERSONS

Fifteen (15) affected persons or fewer are located within 500 feet of the burn site.

- All affected persons are to be listed in Part D.

More than fifteen (15) affected persons are located within 500 feet of the burn site. Approval will be public noticed.


- Do not list all affected persons in Part D.

<sup>1</sup> Open burning approval request forms available online at [www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oag\\_compliance](http://www.in.gov/idem/forms/idem-agency-forms/#oag_compliance)

PART D: POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PERSONS	
Property Owner Name and Mailing Address:	Property Owner Name and Mailing Address:
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**PART E: SIGNATURE**

I hereby state that I have listed all affected persons to the best of my knowledge. If none are listed, it signifies that no such persons own or rent property within 500 feet of the burn site.

Signature: 	Title: <b>Executive Director</b>	Company Name: <b>Blue Heron Ministries</b>
Printed Name: <b>Nate Simons</b>	E-mail Address: <b>stuartbheron1@hotmail.com</b>	Date: <b>12.15.23</b>