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MENDOCINO UNIT

Ukiah Area Burning Scheduled throughout the month of December 2019

Ukiah, CA –The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Mendocino Unit will be burning in the State Response Area (SRA) surrounding the Ukiah Valley throughout the month of December. Burning will be conducted on days that weather and air quality conditions allow.

CAL FIRE will be burning piles of vegetative debris and broadcast burning as part of the CAL FIRE Priority Ukiah Fuels Reduction Project. Burning will begin at approximately 10 a.m. and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. daily. Smoke and flames may be visible throughout the Ukiah Valley and surrounding areas.

In its full scope the 26,541 acre Ukiah Fuels Reduction Project protects approximately 39,195 residences in the Ukiah area. The project will include areas South of Lake Mendocino, the communities of El Dorado, Vichy Springs, Talmage, the Western Ukiah hills, the Turtle Creek drainage, Ukiah Valley and the base of Cow Mountain.

Governor Gavin Newsom allocated \$213.6 million dollars for fuels reduction and forest health. The Community Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Report (45-Day Report), prepared by The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), written in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-05-19, identified 35 Priority Fuel Reduction Projects in California. The CAL FIRE Priority Ukiah Fuels Reduction Project was one of those identified and a portion of the \$213.6 million is providing the funding for CAL FIRE personnel, supplies and equipment for this project.

View the Community Wildfire Prevention & Mitigation Report (45-Day Plan) and the project location Web Map Viewer at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/about-us/45-day-report/>. Follow CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit on Twitter: @CALFIREMEU and on Facebook @ CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit.

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