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MENDOCINO UNIT

Fort Bragg Area Prescribed Burn Scheduled

Mendocino County, CA– The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Mendocino Unit will be conducting a prescribed burn that will be approximately 100-acres in various burn plots. This burn will be east of the community of Fort Bragg, north of the Chamberlain Creek Fire Center located at 15800 State Highway 20. Smoke may be visible in the area.

Burning is planned for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and Wednesday, May 24, 2023, approximately 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, weather and air quality conditions permitting. The burn will be conducted under very tight restrictions for the personal safety of firefighters and area residents. If there are any indications that the burn cannot be conducted in a safe manner the burn will be canceled.

The prescribed burning being will be conducted under specific climatic conditions to ensure control and minimize air quality and other impacts. The primary goal of this prescribed burn is to reintroduce fire as a natural element of the ecosystem. A second goal is to improve wildlife habitat by inducing new shoots from sprouting species to increase forage production, with islands of unburned fuel left within the burned area to provide shelter for small mammals. A third goal is to reduce overall vegetation to decrease the chance of catastrophic wildfires in the future.

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