



NEWS RELEASE

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Pile Burning at El Cariso

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) will be conducting pile burning on two acres north of Highway 74 (TB 895-C1), within El Cariso Village, west of Lake Elsinore during the week of January 26, 2015. This is a continuation of a pre-fire plan and FSTEPP (Fire Fee Funds) to remove hazardous fuel loading conditions surrounding the El Cariso Village and improve the fuel-modified zone (Fuel Break). This effort affords the fire department the ability to provide increased fire suppression ability in the wildland urban interface (WUI).

The burning operations utilize CAL FIRE engines and CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Fire Crews. The El Cariso Hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR) Project is one of several planned programs in Riverside County communities to mitigate hazards and educate the public in advance of a major wildfire. Smoke may be visible in the area.

Burning operations will typically begin after 7:30 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. each day of burning. Burning operations will only occur on permissive burn days as determined by the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and CAL FIRE /Riverside County Fire Department.

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