



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Figueroa Mountain and Administration Pile Burns Next Week

WHAT: Prescribed pile burning of 5-10 treated acres of slash from felled dead trees and brush.

WHEN: March 18-22. Additional series of burns will occur through the month of March. Burning operations will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. on a permissive burn day.

WHERE: Figueroa Mountain and various Administration and campground sites.

WHY: The goal of the series of one-day pile burning is to reduce the risk of wildfire. Prescribed, or planned, fires typically burn less intensely than wildfires. Prescribed burns can help prevent the spread of wildfires, and can reduce impacts to watersheds that can result in soil loss and sedimentation. The burn will be conducted when the meteorological conditions are highly favorable to direct smoke away from population centers.

WHO: This prescribed burn is planned and coordinated by the Los Padres National Forest with Santa Barbara County APCD, San Luis Obispo County APCD, San Joaquin Valley APCD, Ventura County APCD, and the California Air Resources Board in order to minimize impacts on air quality on surrounding communities.

This burn depends on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If the conditions are not as desired, the burn will be rescheduled.