



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Upper Trout Club / 2500 block HWY 154 Pile Burn Initiating Next Week

WHAT: Prescribed burn of 1-2 acres of cut and piled brush.

WHEN: Starting March 19, 2018, with possible burning continuing throughout the week until March 23, as conditions allow. The burn is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. on a permissive burn day.

WHERE: Hwy 154 and the upper Trout Club area

WHY: The main objective of this burn is to provide firefighters improved opportunities for tactical operations and safety near structures, improvements, and areas with high resource values. Adequate defensible space around communities will reduce the risk of structure loss, as well as improve the safety of residents and first responders. Additionally, 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 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.

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Figueroa Mountain Pile Burn Continuing Next Week

WHAT: Prescribed burn of 1-5 acres of slash from felled dead trees and brush

WHEN: Starting March 19, 2018, with possible burning continuing through March 23, 2018, as conditions allow. The burn is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. on a permissive burn day.

WHERE: Figueroa Mountain in the Central Figueroa area

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.

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