



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Hazard Reduction Pile Burn to be Conducted in Lower Santa Ynez Recreational Area

WHAT: Prescribed burn of less than 1 acre.

WHEN: The one day planned burn will occur on March 20, 2018. 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 Paradise Road at the USFS Compound and Sage Campground.

WHY: The main objective of this burn is to remove the vegetation in and around the recreational areas along Paradise Road to reduce the threat of accidental ignitions spreading into the adjacent wildlands during peak visitor times in the coming summer months. Additionally, adequate defensible space around USFS infrastructure will reduce the risk of structure loss, as well as improve the safety of the public and first responders. 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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