



**MEDIA ADVISORY
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BarM Ranch Vegetation Management Burn to Occur November 12-14

WHAT: Prescribed burn of approximately 557 acres of Oak Woodland, Chaparral and Sage Scrub

WHEN: Tuesday, November 12, Wednesday, November 13, and Thursday, November 14. Burning will occur on three consecutive days as conditions allow; each day, the burning will begin at approximately 8 a.m. and conclude by 6 p.m. on a permissive burn day.

WHERE: Bar M (also known as Barham) Ranch, approximately four miles southeast of Los Alamos along Highway 101.

WHY: The goal of this three-day burn is to reduce the risk of wildfire by removing old growth flammable vegetation while helping to improve rangeland. Prescribed, or planned, fires typically burn less intensely than wildfires. The burn will be conducted when the meteorological conditions are highly favorable to direct smoke away from population centers.

WHO: This vegetation management prescribed burn is being planned and conducted by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department & Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control on private land in coordination with the California Air Resources Board in order to minimize impacts on air quality on surrounding communities. APCD staff have reviewed the Smoke Management Plan and provided conditions to minimize smoke impacts in Santa Barbara County.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS: If you smell smoke, take precautions and use common sense to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting outdoor activities. When you can smell smoke or when it is visible in your area, avoid strenuous outdoor activity and remain indoors as much as possible. These precautions are especially important to children, older adults, and those with heart and lung conditions. If you are sensitive to smoke, consider temporarily relocating and closing all doors and windows on the day of the burn. Symptoms of smoke exposure can include coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chest tightness or pain, nausea, and unusual fatigue or lightheadedness. Use caution when driving near prescribed burns.

A portable air monitor will be set up in Los Olivos to monitor air quality conditions. Data will be available on the Air Pollution Control District's website: www.OurAir.org/todays-air-quality/.

To view prescribed burns throughout the state, visit the Prescribed Fire Information Reporting System (PFIRS) website: <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/>.

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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