

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Amador-El Dorado Unit

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### **Bacchi Ranch Burn Project**

**Camino** – The Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed (VMP) burn in the Highway 49 and Marshall Grade area of Coloma and Garden Valley. The burns will take place on the Bacchi property on June 29-30 between the hours of 10 am to 4 pm.

This prescribed burn is targeting grasslands and will help protect the communities of Coloma, Lotus, Greenwood and Garden Valley from a running wildland fire. Firefighting equipment from CAL FIRE, Cameron Park Fire, El Dorado County Fire, Garden Valley Fire, Georgetown Fire, Sac Metro Fire and the US Forest Service will be in attendance during the two day VMP. CAL FIRE Unit Chief Kelly Keenan states “we take these types of prescribed burns very seriously. My field personnel are highly trained and will not burn unless very specific parameters are met each day of the scheduled burns. All prescribed burn projects are the result of extensive pre-planning involving studies of the vegetation types, fuel loading, weather patterns, topography, values at risk, and fire history. An environmental analysis is made for each project, along with mitigation measures to address any foreseeable impacts that may be caused by the fire. The target area for the prescribed fire project has control lines in place along with fire crews and firefighting equipment in strategic locations in order to maintain control of the fire once it is set.”

The VMP will begin with a small “test burn” at the beginning of each day, as a final check to ensure that conditions are within “prescription”. If conditions are favorable, then the firefighters will begin ignition around the perimeter of the project allowing a low intensity slow burn to consume fuels within the project. For additional information on CAL FIRE’s vegetation management program, visit the webpage at

[http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource\\_mgt/resource\\_mgt\\_vegetation.php](http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_vegetation.php).

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