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CDF Prepared For Fire Season Opener on June 5 Staff and Equipment Deployed to Fight Wildfires

Sacramento - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is fully prepared and will begin the 2006 fire season in the southern half of California on Monday, June 5.

"The state has ample planes, fire retardant, fire engines and trained personnel to fight fires this season. We are fully prepared and ready to go," said CDF Director Ruben Grijalva. "Temperatures are rising, vegetation is drying out, and summer weather patterns have begun. There is always a tremendous potential for wildfire in California."

The following operational units will begin fire season on June 5: San Diego; San Bernardino; Riverside; San Luis Obispo; Tulare; Madera-Mariposa-Merced; Fresno-Kings; San Benito-Monterey; Amador-El Dorado; Tuolumne-Calaveras; and Nevada-Yuba-Placer. The remaining operational units of Northern California will open on June 12.

The opening of fire season varies geographically throughout the state based upon weather conditions, fuel loads and increased fire activity. Unit chiefs respond to local conditions by hiring seasonal firefighters, increasing dispatching capabilities and staffing facilities on a 24-hour basis.

Contact your nearest CDF facility or visit the CDF website at www.fire.ca.gov for more information on fire safety.

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