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ANNUAL BURN BAN TO BE DECLARED JULY 1, 2011

Butte County – Effective as of midnight June 30, 2011 open burning of dooryard debris piles will be banned in Butte County. The annual suspension of burn permits goes in to effect each year on July 1 in response to warmer weather, lower humidity and dry fuels.

The proclamation affects the unincorporated areas of Butte County only. The suspension will remain in effect until the fire chief determines it is safe to resume burning countywide. The cities of Biggs and Gridley will not be affected by the burn permit suspension. The city of Chico does not allow dooryard burning at any time during the year. The town of Paradise suspended dooryard burning as of June 1, 2011 and will suspend all provisional burn permits as of July 1. The city of Oroville will institute a ban as of July 1 in coordination with CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue.

Agricultural burning will not be affected by this suspension. Those parties conducting agricultural burns are reminded that they must possess both an Air Quality Management District agricultural burn permit and a valid Butte County Fire Department burn permit. Butte County Fire burn permits may be obtained at any staffed, local CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue station free of charge. Agricultural burn permits may be obtained at the Air Quality Management office in Chico at 629 Entler Avenue, Suite 15.

Debris burning of dooryard piles is historically one of the leading causes of fires in Butte County. Individuals found burning during the suspension period will be subject to appropriate civil or criminal action. Contact your local fire department if you are unsure of the burning restrictions in your area.

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