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Nevada, Yuba, Placer and Sierra Counties Burn Permit Suspension Lifted

Auburn- Effective Monday, November 6, 2017, at 8:00 AM the burn permit suspension in Nevada, Yuba, Placer, and Sierra Counties will be lifted. CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Chief George Morris III is formally cancelling the burn permit suspension and advises that those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns within the State Responsibility Area must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

CAL FIRE burn permits are required until the end of fire season. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and maintain control of the fire at all times. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property.

Residents wishing to burn MUST verify it is a permissive burn day prior to burning by contacting:

• Nevada & Sierra County – Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

Western Nevada County: (530) 274-7928 Eastern Nevada County: (530) 582-1027

Western Sierra County: (530) 289-3662 Eastern Sierra County: (530) 994-3561

• Yuba County – Feather River Air Quality Management District: (530) 634-6299

• Placer County – Placer County Air Pollutions Control District

Auburn area: 530-889-6868

Outside Auburn, toll-free: 1-800-998-BURN (2876)

Pile Burning Requirements

- Only dry, natural vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles and tree trimmings may be burned.
- The burning of trash, painted wood or other debris is not allowed.
- Do **NOT** burn on windy days.
- Piles must be no larger than four feet in diameter and in height. You can add to the pile as it burns down.
- Clear a 10-foot diameter down to bare soil around your piles.
- Have a shovel and a water source nearby.
- An adult is required to be in attendance of the fire at all times.

Safe residential pile burning of forest residue by landowners is a crucial tool in reducing fire hazards. State, Federal and Local land management and fire agencies will also be utilizing this same window of opportunity to conduct prescribed burns aimed at improving forest health on private and public lands.

For more information on burning, visit the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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