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2009 Burn Suspension and Fire Preparedness Ending

Willits –CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit has declared that the 2009 Burning Suspension and Summer Preparedness (fire season) will end Friday, October 16, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.

CAL FIRE, in conjunction with the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association and the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District (MCAQMD), is also rescinding the 2009 countywide Burning Suspension for dooryard and large pile burning. County residents are reminded that **BURNING MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH MCAQMD REGULATIONS**. Open burning will be allowed only with properly obtained permits, which provide regulations for safe burning. For burning information, please contact your local fire district or MCAQMD at (707) 463-4354.

CAL FIRE will not require burn permits until May, 1ST 2010. However, burn permits may be required at the following local fire districts; Anderson Valley Community Service District, Brooktrails Community Service District, Covelo Fire Protection District, Fort Bragg Fire Department (within city limits), Little Lake Fire Department, Redwood Coast Fire Department, Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Protection District, Ukiah City Fire Department, or the MCAQMD.

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This year on State Responsibility land (SRA) in Mendocino County, there were 245 fires, compared to 305 fires last year. The number of acres burned in 2009 was 345, compared to 38,801 last year. CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit attributes the higher number of fires and acres of 2008 compared to 2009 to the unprecedented June 2008 lightning series.

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher Rowney states,” with continued fire prevention practices of Mendocino County residents and the coordinated efforts of CAL FIRE, local Fire Districts, and the burn suspension, we will minimize the number of fires and acres burned each year in Mendocino County.”

Cold winter weather does not come without fire hazards. It’s time to check for potential hidden fire hazards with all heating appliances. Be sure they are all in proper operation and cleared of flammable materials. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change your clocks for daylight savings time. **Make fire safety your household priority.**

For more information on fire prevention safety tips visit our website @: www.fire.ca.gov

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