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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



## Mendocino Unit

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## Burn Permits Suspended

**WILLITS** – CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher P. Rowney announced today that beginning 12:01 A.M. July 1, 2010, all residential and open outdoor burning within Mendocino County is suspended. The suspension will remain in effect until formally cancelled.

Only in instances where it can be shown that the continuation of burning is essential for reasons of public health, safety or welfare can a "Restricted Temporary Burning Permit" be issued.

California campfire permits are required in wilderness areas. Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property are allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent the campfire from spreading to the wildland vegetation.

Chief Rowney explained, "Mendocino County fire history shows that suspending debris burning is an effective way of preventing wildfires from debris burn escapes, especially as California enters the hottest and driest period of summer weather. Although all fires cannot be prevented through a burning suspension, their numbers can be significantly reduced."

**-Proclamation Attached-**



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### **PROCLAMATION SUSPENDING BURNING PERMITS**

In the CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit  
Which includes all State Responsibility Areas within the  
County of Mendocino

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Due to the menace of wildfires and their potential to destroy life, property, and natural resources; and due to current and predicted fire weather and other factors; utilizing the authority vested in me by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as per Section 4423.1 of the Public Resources Code, I hereby proclaim:

- **ALL RESIDENTIAL AND OUTDOOR OPEN BURNING** within State Responsibility Areas in Mendocino County will be **SUSPENDED** beginning 12:01 A.M. July 1, 2010.
- A "Restricted Temporary Burning Permit" **may** be authorized in instances in which the continuation of burning may be essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.
- Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property are allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent the campfire from spreading to the wildland vegetation.

This suspension will continue in place until formally cancelled.

This PROCLAMATION is issued at Willits, California, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010

By:

Christopher Rowney, Unit Chief  
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