

Burn suspension lifted

Sierra Star, Thursday, Jan 30, 2014

Due to the recent rainfall, CAL FIRE will lift the burn suspension for the State Responsibility Area within Eastern Madera County as of 12 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014. Hazard reduction burning in Eastern Madera County will be allowed with a valid San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District permit.

The following guidelines are required when conducting a hazard reduction burn:

- *Property owners conducting hazard reduction burning are responsible for checking the burn day status by calling the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District burn line at 1-877-429-2876 prior to igniting their hazard reduction pile.
- *Do not burn material that is wet or damp, as this can cause excessive smoke. Excessive smoke is prohibited and will result in penalties.
- *Provide adequate clearance (minimum of within 10 feet of the outer edge of the pile) around the burn pile to avoid its escape.
- *Keep a water supply close to the burning site.
- *An adult must be in attendance until the fire is extinguished.
- *Do not burn on windy days.
- *Do not use any flammable liquid (such as gasoline or diesel fuel) to ignite a fire.
- *Make sure the burn pile is free of prohibited materials: No household trash, garbage or construction materials.
- *Burn only natural vegetation removed while maintaining a defensible space.

Burn Permits Required:

Hazard reduction burning is permitted only when meteorological conditions are good for smoke dispersal. In addition, CAL FIRE, MMU may impose fire restrictions and prohibit open burning due to elevated risks of fire danger.

Creating a nuisance can result in a violation subject to penalties. Please burn with caution. Burning anything in a burn barrel is illegal.

Burn permits may be obtained at your nearest CAL FIRE or Madera County Fire Station:

CAL FIRE Ahwahnee, 43033 Highway 49 South, Ahwahnee CAL FIRE Raymond, 34951 Road 606, Raymond CAL FIRE Rancheria, 53488 Road 200, North Fork CAL FIRE Bass Lake 38333 Road 223, Oakhurst Madera County Station 12, 48355 Liberty Drive, Oakhurst Madera County Station 8, 47050 Road 417, Coarsegold

For more information you may call or stop by your nearest CAL FIRE or Madera County Fire Station or visit the CAL FIRE web site at www.fire.ca.gov or www.ReadyForWildfire.org

Calfire burning ban lifted in parts of Stanislaus, surrounding counties

Merced Sun-Star, Friday, Jan 31, 2014

A Cal Fire burning suspension that started Monday was lifted Thursday morning in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties, along with the eastern portions of Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties.

Open burning will be allowed on "permissive burn days" in each county, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Much-needed rain this week has helped make conditions more suitable for burning, but Cal Fire Unit Chief Josh White reminded residents to burn carefully. He said residents should check the burn status regularly because extended dry weather often can change burn requirements.

In Tuolumne County, clearing two or more acres of vegetation requires a permit from the Air Pollution Control District. In Calaveras County, burning on property of five or more acres requires a permit from the air district. When burning, residents never should leave the fire unattended, should have water available and never burn on days forecast to have high or gusty wind.

To check a burn day status, in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties, call 877-429-2876; in Tuolumne County, call (209) 533-5598; and in Calaveras County, call (209) 754-6600.

Lode burn ban extinguished

By The Record

Stockton Record, Friday, Jan. 31, 2014

SAN ANDREAS -- The burn suspension for several counties, including Calaveras, Tuolumne and the eastern portion of San Joaquin County, has been lifted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The lifting of the ban is for all areas in the Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit responsibility area.

Open burning will be allowed on "permissive burn days," meaning the air quality is good enough to allow burning. People should remain cautious, however, and avoid burning on days with heavy winds.

People who plan to burn must remain in attendance, have access to water, and get permits where required.