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Prescribed Burn Planned for San Benito County

Paicines, CA – Conditions and weather permitting, CAL FIRE plans to conduct a multiple day broadcast burn in Paicines Area of San Benito County during the June. The purpose of the project is to train fire crews using live fire. The Highway 25 will be open during the burning operations.

This prescribed fire project was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project. This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the [California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#).

Each operation follows a specialized burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for dispersal of smoke. All this information is used to decide when and where to burn.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size, conditions, and weather. Prescribed fire smoke is generally less intense and of much shorter duration than smoke produced by wildland fires.

Smoke from this control burn will be visible in the Paicines Valley along Highway 25 in the Baker Grade Area of San Benito County. Weather conditions will be monitored, and burn may be postponed if burning conditions are found to be unfavorable. CAL FIRE is in close consultation with the National Weather Service's Monterey office and Monterey Bay Air Resources District to ensure that burn takes place in appropriate weather conditions; the project may be postponed if conditions are not conducive to a safe burn.

To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction> and help share important preventing and preparedness information with your neighbors at [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org)

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