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San Benito-Monterey Unit

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Prescribed Burn Planned for Monterey County

Monterey, CA – CAL FIRE plans to conduct a prescribed burn on private property in the Gabilan Range east of Salinas in Monterey County on Monday, August 12, 2019. The purpose of the project is to reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, thereby reducing hazardous fire fuels by removing brush and downed woody debris, enhancing the fire safety. This type of exercise also provides valuable hands-on training for fire personnel in fire suppression activities while working safely in a controlled environment. This is a continuation of the burn conducted on Monday, July 29, 2019.

Smoke from this controlled burn will be visible from Hollister, Santa Clara Valley, Salinas Valley, and San Benito County. Weather conditions will be monitored and the 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 the Monterey Bay Air Resources District to ensure that the burn takes place in appropriate weather conditions; the project may be postponed if conditions are not conducive to a safe burn. The San Benito-Monterey Unit of CAL FIRE will provide updates for this controlled burn via Facebook and Twitter the day of the burn: Facebook CAL FIRE BEU (<http://www.facebook.com/CALFIREBEU>); Twitter @CALFIREBEU (<http://twitter.com/CALFIREBEU>); Instagram @CALFIREBEU (<http://www.instagram.com/CALFIREBEU>) #ChurchRanchVMP

Who: CAL FIRE
What: Prescribed Burn, 155 acres
When: August 12, 2019
Where: northern Gabilan Range east of Salinas (Monterey County)

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