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**\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\***

**CAMP ROBERTS BLACKLINE PRESCRIBED BURN TO OCCUR ON MAY 18**

**BURNING WILL NOT OCCUR IF WEATHER CONDITIONS DO NOT PERMIT BURNING**

The SLO County Air Pollution Control District is issuing this press release to provide the public with information in preparation for a prescribed burn at Camp Roberts. Children, the elderly and those that already have a respiratory condition are the most susceptible to the health impacts of wood smoke and should use caution if they smell smoke.

**What:** Prescribed burn of approximately 519 acres of grasslands, scheduled to be burned in increments of 25-30 acres at a time, as needed for smoke dispersion.

**When:** Burn to establish a blackline perimeter is set to begin on Thursday, May 18. The larger 8,000-acre impact area may occur the week of May 22, 2017. The burns are scheduled to begin in the morning and conclude by about 6:00 p.m. on a permissive burn day.

**Where:** Camp Roberts – Range Area: The Range Area sits on the northwest portion of the Camp and is west of the northbound Highway 101 and south of the southbound Highway 101 Rest Areas; approximately 4 miles northwest of San Miguel.

**Why:** The burn project is part of a Fire Hazard Abatement and Training burn at Camp Roberts to reduce the risk of a wildland fire during troop training activities. The burn will be conducted when the meteorological conditions are highly favorable for dispersion and to direct smoke away from potential population centers.

**Who:** California Army National Guard and Camp Roberts Fire Department, in cooperation with the Monterey Bay Unified APCD, San Luis Obispo County APCD, and the California Air Resources Board, in order to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities.

The burn is dependent on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal.

If the conditions are not as desired, the burn will be rescheduled.

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