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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

CAMP ROBERTS PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED TO OCCUR ON MAY 22

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 8,800 acres of grasslands and forbes.
- When: The target date for this burn is Tuesday, May 22, weather permitting.
- 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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