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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

GILARDI PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED TO OCCUR ON JUNE 27

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 Gilardi Road off of Highway 1 and northwest of Cuesta College (SLO Sportman's Association). Children, pregnant women, 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 250 acres of grasslands. SLO County Air Pollution Control District has deployed a mobile monitor at Cal Poly State University to monitor any and all smoke impacts to the community. Data from this monitor will be available via SLOCleanAir.org/air-quality/air-forecasting-map.php

When: The date for this burn is Wednesday, June 27, weather permitting.

Where: Gilardi Road – San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association: Gilardi is off of Highway 1 and northwest of Cuesta College.

Why: The burn project is part of Fire Hazard Abatement to reduce the risk of a wildland fire. 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 Department of Fish and Wildlife and CAL FIRE, in cooperation with the San Luis Obispo County APCD and the California Air Resources Board.

The burn is dependent on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal in order to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities. If the conditions are not as desired, the burn will be rescheduled.

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