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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

Fort Hunter Liggett Prescribed Burn on October 29

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 Fort Hunter Liggett, Training Area 27 in Monterey County. Due to weather conditions, winds may cause smoke to travel into San Luis Obispo County. 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:** Five prescribed burn plots totaling approximately 1,230 acres of grasslands and brush at Fort Hunter Liggett Training Base (southeast area of the base) in Monterey County over the next two weeks, with approximately 500 acres planned for burning today, October 29.
- When:** The time window for this burn begins today, October 29, and will continue over the next 2 weeks.
- Where:** Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County – Training Area 27 on the southeast end of the base; west of Lake San Antonio; just west of Bald Mountain.
- Why:** The burn project is part of a Wildland Vegetation Management Program 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:** Fort Hunter Liggett Fire Department and the Monterey Bay Air Resources District.

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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