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CAMP ROBERTS IMPACT RANGE FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION AND TRAINING BURN TO OCCUR MAY 31

BURNING WILL NOT OCCUR IF WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE NOT FAVORABLE

The SLO County Air Pollution Control District is issuing this press release to provide the public with information in preparation for an impact range fire hazard training 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:** Fire hazard reduction and training burn that will represent the largest participation of outside fire agencies in a wildland fire training scenario. Fire jurisdictions from San Diego to Monterey will be present for the training.
- When:** The target date for this training is May 31, 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:** This training burn is being conducted to reduce the fire hazard within the Impact Range at Camp Roberts and also to provide wildland training for fire agencies from San Diego to Monterey to practice wildland firefighting techniques to further their understanding and abilities in the case of real wildland fire scenarios.
- Who:** California Army National Guard and Camp Roberts Fire Department, in cooperation with the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, San Luis Obispo County APCD, the California Air Resources Board, and other participating fire agencies.

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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