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SPOONER PRESCRIBED HAZARD REDUCTION BURN – SMOKE MAY BE PRESENT
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San Luis Obispo, CA - The SLO County Air Pollution Control District is issuing this press release to provide the public with information in preparation for the Spooner prescribed hazard reduction burn near Diablo Canyon, south of Montana de Oro State Park. The burn will be on Saturday, February 29th.

If conditions warrant, CAL FIRE may burn sections of vegetation and pause to let the smoke disperse to reduce smoke impacts downwind. Up to 270 acres may be burned. Wind forecasts indicate smoke may be visible in southern San Luis Obispo County.

If you smell smoke:

Air District officials recommend that if you smell smoke, take precautions and use common sense to reduce your smoke exposure. All adults and children should:

- Avoid strenuous outdoor activity
- Remain indoors as much as possible
- Close all outside facing doors and windows
- Set heating/air conditioning/ventilation systems to recirculate

These precautions are especially important for sensitive groups, including children, older adults, and people with existing respiratory illness and heart conditions, as they are particularly vulnerable to the health effects from poor air quality. Families with small children should be aware that even if adults in the household have no symptoms, children may experience symptoms due to their smaller body mass and developing lungs. If smoke increases, healthy people could be affected as well. If you experience a cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, exhaustion, light-headedness or chest pain, stop any outdoor activity immediately and seek medical attention.

For updates:

APCD officials will continue to monitor smoke impacts and air quality in San Luis Obispo County. By following the current air quality conditions (Air Quality Index or AQI) on the APCD website: SLOCleanAir.org, the public can monitor real-time air quality throughout SLO County. The AQI focuses on health effects individuals may experience after breathing polluted air. A discussion of the smoke impacts and forecasted AQI is available via the forecast page on the APCD website. Follow the SLO County APCD Twitter feed for the latest updates (@slocleanair). Sign up for AirAware alerts right on your phone by visiting our website at SLOCleanAir.org.

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