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San Luis Obispo County



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**CAMP ROBERTS FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION AND TRAINING BURN
TO OCCUR WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**

The SLO County Air Pollution Control District (SLO County APCD) is issuing this release to provide the public with information in preparation for a prescribed fire hazard reduction and training burn at Camp Roberts.

- What:** This annual prescribed fire hazard reduction and training burn is in Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. The burn will consist of approximately 9,000 acres of grasslands and brush.
- When:** The burn is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2022.
- Where:** Camp Roberts located in southern Monterey and northern San Luis Obispo counties. Potential visible smoke may be seen by the northern SLO County communities.
- Why:** This prescribed burn is being conducted to reduce the fire hazard in the region. SLO County APCD, Monterey Bay Air Resources District staff, and all other involved agencies will work collaboratively to ensure that meteorological conditions are favorable so that smoke will not impact the community, as well as ensure communication to nearby communities is done throughout the burn.
- Who:** Camp Roberts Fire, CAL FIRE, San Miguel Fire, and other local fire agencies will be present for training and will be practicing wildland firefighting techniques to further their understanding and abilities. ***Prescribed burning is an important tool used to minimize fire hazards and minimize the likelihood of uncontrolled future wildfires that would have the potential to induce significant air quality impacts on the local community.***

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 may be rescheduled.

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