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CAMP SLO FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURN

DATE OF PROPOSED BURN: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
Window for the burn is through September 22, 2023, dependent on weather conditions, burn could occur any day throughout the window.

San Luis Obispo, CA - The SLO County Air Pollution Control District (SLO County APCD) is issuing this press release to provide the public with information in preparation for a prescribed burn on Camp San Luis Obispo property, located on the north side of Highway 1, due north of the California Men's Colony property. The proposed 230-acre burn is set to occur September 18, 2023, *however, depending on the meteorological conditions, the burn could occur anytime between September 18, 2023, and September 22, 2023.*

This burn is an interagency operation hosted by Camp San Luis Obispo (Camp Roberts Fire Department) with support from CAL FIRE and SLO City Fire. *Prescribed burning is an important tool used to minimize fire hazards and the likelihood of uncontrolled future wildfires that would have the potential to induce significant air quality impacts on the local community.*

Smoke will be present in nearby communities on the day of the prescribed burns. The SLO County APCD will be working collaboratively with all involved agencies to ensure up-to-date air quality information is provided to the public.

Children, the elderly, and those that already have a respiratory condition are the most susceptible to the health impacts of smoke and should use caution if they smell smoke.

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, or pushed later in the burn window next week.

SLO County APCD will continue to closely monitor air pollution levels throughout the region. Visit the APCD website <u>slocleanair.org/air-quality/air-forecasting-map.php</u> to see current air quality conditions and forecasts for SLO County. Sign up to receive air quality text messages through our AirAware text notification system at https://www.slocleanair.org/air-quality-alerts.php. You can also reach the Camp SLO Public Information Officer Keba Baird at 805-610-6742 with any questions or concerns.

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