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CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit Transitions Out of Peak Fire Season

Redding/Weaverville – Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires allowing CAL FIRE’s Shasta-Trinity Unit to transition out of peak fire season effective Monday, November 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., in Shasta and Eastern Trinity Counties.

“As we experience changes in the weather, residents need to continue making safety their priority in everyday activities. Driving in adverse conditions, home heating and debris burning are among the contributors to many of the emergencies that we respond to this time of year. Take the extra precautions to ensure that you and your family stay safe” reminds CAL FIRE/Shasta County Fire Department Chief Mike Hebrard.

As drought conditions continue to have a hold on California, CAL FIRE is maintaining staffing to meet the current threat, as well as strategically moving resources to areas that remain at a higher threat level. CAL FIRE will also continue to monitor weather conditions closely and still has the ability to increase staffing should weather conditions change or if there is a need to support wildfires or other emergencies in other areas of the State.

The 2016 fire season has been an extremely active year, even more so than in 2015. Statewide, CAL FIRE and firefighters from many local agencies battled over 5,585 wildfires within the State Responsibility Area that burned nearly 148,000 acres. This is over 1,170 more wildfires this year than normal. In the Shasta-Trinity Unit, CAL FIRE responded to 502 wildfires that charred 1,118 acres.

During the cooler winter months, CAL FIRE will be focusing efforts on the implementation of fire prevention and fuels treatment activities as guided by the State’s [Strategic Fire Plan](#) and localized Unit fire plans. These activities are aimed at reducing the impacts of large, damaging wildfires and improving overall forest health.

Residents are urged to still take precautions outdoors in order to prevent sparking a wildfire. A leading cause of wildfires this time of year is from escaped landscape debris burning. **CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit will not be requiring burn permits for dooryard burning effective November 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. until otherwise specified.** A burn permit from the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is still required for all vegetation burning in Trinity County.

Before you burn, ensure it is a permissive burn day by contacting the **Shasta County AQMD at (530) 224-8777 or (800) 411-8728 or, for Trinity County residents, North Coast AQMD at (866) 287-6329** and then make sure you have any and all required burn permits. During burning, make sure that your pile of landscape debris is in compliance with your AQMD burn permit. You must have a 10 ft. clearance down to bare mineral soil around the burn pile and a responsible adult in attendance at all times with a water source and a shovel.

For more ways to prevent sparking a wildfire visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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