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Burn Suspension Lifted

Camino –Cooler weather and recent rains will allow the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to lift the burn suspension on Monday, October 11th at 8 a.m. This will begin the transition towards the “winter preparedness levels” in the Amador-El Dorado-Sacramento-Alpine Unit (AEU). This transition allows AEU to release some seasonal firefighters, reduce staffing on fire engines and eventually close some remote wildland fire stations over the following weeks. However, CAL FIRE is *always* prepared to call resources back if fire weather conditions dictate.

The Air Quality Management Districts will be determining “burn days” or “no burn days” To check on burn status and burn permit requirements please make sure to call the burn information line immediately prior to burning.

- Amador County (209)223-6246 ▪ El Dorado County (530)621-5897
- Sacramento County (916) 874-4800 ▪ Alpine County (760) 872-8211

“We were very lucky this year with the uncharacteristically mild summer temperatures throughout the state. We had anticipated a very dynamic fire season due to the large amount of fuel left on the ground from the December 2009 snow storm. In some places there is as much as 33% *more* fuel on the ground than last year because of this storm and we are encouraging everyone to do their part by continuing to clean up their properties with the goal of creating defensible space around their homes” stated AEU Chief Bill Holmes. Chief Holmes also added, “If you are going to burn this winter be careful, have a valid permit (available at most local fire stations), make sure it is a burn day, don’t leave your burn pile(s) unattended, have a shovel and charged hose close by, and never hesitate to call 9-1-1 in the event you lose control of your pile.” For more information on defensible space, burning safely and other fire prevention topics, please visit our website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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