CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit



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San Mateo Santa Cruz Counties CAL FIRE, All Outdoor Burning Suspension Lifted

Felton – Effective today; Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 13:00 P.M. CAL FIRE San Mateo Santa Cruz will lift the suspension on **all outdoor open burning** within the State Responsibility Areas and any Local Responsibility Areas under CAL FIRE Contract in the SAN MATEO & SANTA CRUZ Counties.

The burn suspension banning ALL outdoor burning including campfires, warming fires and ceremonial fires is rescinded. The **Burn Permit Suspension** will remain in effect.

For more information on how you can help spare the air in the San Francisco Bay Area you can contact the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at 415-771-6000 or <u>www.baaqmd.gov</u>. For Santa Cruz County you may call the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District at 831-647-9411 or <u>www.mbard.org</u>.

CAL FIRE is asking residents to ensure that they are prepared for wildfires including maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every home.

In specific locations, above ground charcoal only barbeques within organized campgrounds or picnic areas may be acceptable by the responsible jurisdiction for the site. The public is cautioned that they are liable for any fire they lose control over.

For additional information on preparing for and preventing wildfires visit <u>www.ReadyForWildfire.org</u>.

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