

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### CAL FIRE CZU To Conduct Prescribed Fire in San Gregorio

**Felton** – This Thursday, October 12, 2023, CAL FIRE CZU plans to conduct an approximately 250-acre prescribed broadcast fire on a private ranch in San Gregorio. Pomponio Ranch is located on the coast of San Mateo County roughly 12-miles south of Half Moon Bay, 5-miles east of Pomponio State Beach, and just south of La Honda Road.

This burn is weather-permitting. The objective is to continue creating patches of reduced fire fuels up and down the coast to slow the progress of a large-scale fire, and to increase coastal prairie.

There will be extensive fire equipment on scene. Smoke may be visible in Pescadero and Half Moon Bay. There is no need to call 911.

CAL FIRE CZU has worked with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) on a Smoke Management Plan. The fire will be conducted on a permissible burn day. This is a one-day burn.



This prescribed fire was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project. This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan. To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at [Prescribed Fire | CAL FIRE](#) and help share important preventing and preparedness information with your neighbors at [Home - Ready for Wildfire](#).



