

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Prescribed Fire in San Gregorio **Canceled**

UPDATE: The prescribed fire planned in San Gregorio on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 has been canceled.

Previous Sept. 28, 2026 News Release:

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, weather permitting, CAL FIRE CZU plans to conduct an approximately 247-acre prescribed burn on a private ranch in San Gregorio, south of Half Moon Bay. A map of the burn area is on page 2, and photos of previous prescribed fires at this location are on page 3.

This will be the unit's third prescribed fire at this location in a new section. In 2023, firefighters burned 230 acres, and in 2024, they burned 193 acres, totaling 423 acres. This is a one-day firing operation that will be conducted on a permissible burn day. Smoke may be visible in San Gregorio, Pescadero, Half Moon Bay, and from Skyline Boulevard. Burn Boss Sarah Collamer said, "By reintroducing fire to this landscape under controlled conditions, we are restoring the ecological health of our coastal prairie habitats and encouraging native plants to regenerate. At the same time, we are reducing heavy vegetative fuels. These burns are situated north of Pescadero to give firefighters a safe, effective location to take a stand and protect the community during a critical north wind event." CAL FIRE CZU has worked with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on a Smoke Management Plan.

This prescribed fire is part of a broader strategy to protect communities and natural resources. These plans are developed collaboratively with stakeholders and incorporate community input. The project contributes to statewide efforts to meet or exceed fuel reduction goals outlined in the California Fire Plan and the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

To track prescribed fire activity, visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/prescribed-fire>. For wildfire prevention and preparedness information, visit <https://readyforwildfire.org/>.

