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CAL FIRE Announces Prescribed Burn at Jenner Headlands Preserve

ST. HELENA, Calif. - The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit (LNU) is announcing plans to conduct a 4.1 acre prescribed burn on **Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Jenner Headlands Preserve in Sonoma County.** The burn is expected to begin at approximately **9 a.m.**

Prescribed burns are carefully planned operations designed to reduce hazardous vegetation, improve forest health, and provide ecological benefits. Each burn must meet strict criteria related to weather, smoke management, fire safety, and other operational conditions. Planned operations may be postponed or canceled at the last minute if conditions do not meet established requirements.

When conditions are appropriate, trained wildland firefighters will conduct the burn while continuously monitoring weather conditions, smoke, fire behavior, and designated fire control lines. The prescribed burn will be conducted in compliance with applicable requirements of local air quality districts.

The vegetation management project is located on a ridgeline within the Jenner Headlands Preserve, north of the Russian River near Duncan Mills and the Sonoma County coast. The project will treat mixed forest understory vegetation.

Four CAL FIRE engines will participate in the prescribed burn. Fire resources will remain in the area throughout the operation and may be visible into the evening.

Residents and visitors in the area may see or smell smoke during the burn. **Please do not call 911 to report smoke associated with this planned prescribed burn.** Emergency calls should still be made for any smoke or fire that appears unrelated to the prescribed burn or presents an immediate threat to life or property.

The burn will only proceed if conditions meet established safety, weather, and smoke-management criteria.

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