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CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit Lifts Burn Permit Suspension

Camino – Effective on Tuesday, October 24 at 8 a.m., CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado Unit Chief Mike Blankenheim is formally lifting the burn permit suspension in the Amador-El Dorado Unit (AEU) State Responsibility Areas of Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento, and San Joaquin counties.

CAL FIRE burn permits are required and are available online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>. Those possessing current and valid agriculture and residential burn permits can resume burning on permissible burn days. Agriculture burns must be inspected by CAL FIRE prior to burning until the end of the peak fire season. Inspections may be required for burns other than agriculture burns. This can be verified by contacting your local Air Quality Management District.

Permits must be in possession either by printed copy or digitally. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued and must be reissued annually on or after January 1st of each year. Permits are issued free of charge and allow for the burning of dry landscape vegetation (NOT household trash) that originates from the landowner's property. Hazard reduction guidelines are listed on the permit and must be followed at all times. If an online permit is not an option, call (530) 644-2345 for assistance.

Property owners conducting residential debris must contact their local Air Quality Management District to determine what permit requirements or burning restrictions apply in their area and must always call to ensure burn day status.

Amador County (209) 223-6246

El Dorado County (530) 621-5897

Sacramento County (916) 874-4800

Alpine County (760) 872-8211, ext. 240

South Lake Tahoe (530) 621-5842, (888) 332-2876

The use of a burn barrel is illegal in Amador and El Dorado counties. For alternatives to burning your piles, contact the Amador Fire Safe Council at www.amadorfiresafe.org or the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council at www.edcfiresafe.org for details on available programs.

Cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and the chance of winter weather have helped to begin to diminish the threat of wildfire. Property owners and residents are urged to use caution while conducting debris or agriculture burns, follow all guidelines provided, and always maintain control of the fire. Individuals can be held civilly and/or criminally liable for allowing a fire to escape their control and/or burn onto neighboring property. For tips and information on residential landscape debris burning safety, visit <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/burn-permit-information/>.

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