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Burn Permits Required May 1, 2010

Butte County – Residents protected by CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue will be required to have a burn permit beginning Saturday, May 1, 2010 if they wish to burn dooryard debris. Burn permits are available at no charge from all CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue Stations and the U.S. Forest Service Plumas National Forest Office at 875 Mitchell Avenue in Oroville. As always, citizens using fire should do so safely. The following are guidelines that must be followed in order to burn safely and legally:

- Burn Hours 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – out cold at 11:00 a.m.
- Only small piles of **vegetative** waste may be burned. Burning materials such as lumber, garbage, plastics, tires, furniture, etc. is prohibited.
- Burn barrels are no longer allowed.
- Before burning in Butte County, you **MUST** call the Butte County Air Quality Management District at **896-2537** or at www.bcaqmd.org. to determine air quality burn day status.
- Provide a 10' area free of flammable materials and vegetation around all burn piles and incinerators.
- Have a water source available and an adult in attendance.
- Pay attention to weather conditions and forecasts.
- Do not burn on windy days.
- Do not leave smoldering fires unattended.
- Make sure that the fire is out when the control burn is completed.
- Residents must have their copy of the valid permit accessible when burning.
- The yearly burn ban will be implemented on July 1st, 2010 or sooner if conditions warrant. Permits will then be suspended until the end of declared fire season.

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Remember, persons burning are responsible to maintain control of their fire. If a fire escapes your control, you may be held criminally and civilly responsible for all costs associated with the suppression of the fire and the damage that it caused. If you need further information about safe burning, please stop by your local fire station or contact the CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue Fire Prevention Bureau at (530) 538-7888 or the U.S. Forest Service Feather River Ranger District at (530) 534-6500.

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