

# PRESCRIBED BURNING PERMIT



## BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (DISTRICT)

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Permit # \_\_\_\_\_ P

(For District use only)

Your CAL FIRE Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address or APN of burn site(s) – attach map of site(s) with burn locations marked	Nearest whole acres	x Fee/Ac	Fee
		\$ 1.00	
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<b>Base Fee</b>			<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Sacramento Valley Air Basin Control Council Fee</b>			<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Wildland Vegetation Management, Forest Management, and Range Improvement Burning Program Registration Fee (\$140.00)</b>			
<i>See condition #5 below for details, approval of a Smoke Management Plan is required prior to burn authorization</i>			
<b>TOTAL:</b>			

### THIS AIR QUALITY BURN PERMIT IS VALID ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- This burn permit is valid for prescribed burning of wildland vegetation at the locations indicated on the permit on days when burning is allowed by the State of California Air Resources Board (CARB) or by the District. **Map must be included showing proposed burn site(s).**
- This burn permit may be revoked, suspended, or terminated for violation of any condition specified or when determined necessary for public safety by the APCO or his designated deputy.
- Burn permit holders must verify that they are in compliance with all applicable CAL FIRE and/or local fire protection agency permit requirements. Contact Butte County Fire/CAL FIRE at (530) 538-7111 with questions.
- You must contact the District office at (530) 332-9400 after 8:45am to speak with an on-duty inspector to request authorization to burn and provide notification. **For authorization for weekend burning of vegetative waste, call the on-duty inspector during regular office hours to discuss.**
- A Smoke Management Plan shall be required for any proposed range improvement burn, forest management burn, or wildland vegetation management burn, regardless of size, which will occur below a mean sea level (MSL) elevation of 1000 feet; encompasses a land area greater than ten (10) acres; or is estimated to produce more than one (1) ton of particulate matter. The Smoke Management Plan shall be submitted to the District for review and approval **at least 14 days prior to ignition** and shall include the following information: 1) amount of material to be covered by the Smoke Management Plan; 2) location and specific objectives of the burn project; 3) the type and condition of fuel and arrangement of the vegetation to be burned; 4) direction and distances to populated or smoke sensitive areas; 5) expected duration of the fire from ignition to extinction; and, 6) identification of responsible personnel, including telephone contacts.
- The amount of acreage and hours of burning may be limited by the District in accordance with Rule 300. Unless otherwise specified, ignition hours are 8:45am to one hour before sunset.
- The vegetation to be burned shall be free of prohibited materials, including, but not limited to, tires, plastic, metal, painted/treated lumber, cloth, rubber, or other similar smoke producing material.
- A copy of this burn permit shall be available for inspection at the burn site during any burn operation.
- The "Right of Entry" as delineated by the California Health and Safety Code 41510 of Division 26 shall apply at all times. District staff shall not be denied access to burn sites.

I have read the conditions in this permit and agree to comply with all of the conditions. I understand that failure to comply with District Rules and Regulations will subject me to a civil or criminal action, or both. I understand that the issuance of this permit does not relieve me of responsibility to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons. I accept responsibility for all burning activities, including smoke impacts, as a result of burning conducted at the above specified burn site location which is under my legal control. *The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees that an electronic copy of this signed document shall be enforceable in the same manner as the signed original document.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ACI Payments \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITIONS:**

AGRICULTURAL BURNING: Open outdoor fires used in agricultural operations in the management, range improvement, or the improvement of land for wildlife and game habitat, disease or pest prevention, or the use of open outdoor fires used in the operation or maintenance of a system for the delivery of water, wildland burning, forest management including silviculture and timber operations, or prescribed burning.

AGRICULTURAL WASTE: Unwanted or unsalable materials produced wholly from agricultural operations and materials not produced from agricultural operations but which are intimately related to the growing or harvesting of crops. Agricultural waste **includes:** Grass and weeds growing in or on fence rows, ditch banks, in or adjacent to fields in cultivation or being prepared for cultivation; vegetation removed for range improvement, for wildlife, game, or livestock habitat, forest management debris, or for the initial establishment of an agricultural operation on previously uncultivated land; fertilizer and pesticide sacks or other receptacles that are made predominately of paper that are burned where the sacks are emptied on that field; material produced from the operation or maintenance of waterways used in agricultural operations.



FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING: Open burning conducted at multi-unit dwellings, by commercial entities, and on residential lots equal to or greater than one (1) acre where the disposal of the brush cuttings (piled vegetation from the property where it was grown) is done for the purpose of compliance with local fire hazard reduction ordinances. Burn permits will only be issued for Fire Hazard Reduction burning by a landowner when the burning includes an underburn or broadcast burn.

FOREST MANAGEMENT BURNING: The use of open fires to remove forest debris as part of a forest management practice. Forest management practices include timber operations, silvicultural practices and forest production practices.

LAND MANAGER: Any federal, State, local, or private entity or person that administers, directs, oversees, or controls the use of public or private land, including the application of fire to the land.

RESIDENTIAL BURNING: An open outdoor fire for the disposal of natural vegetation from a single- or two-family dwelling on lots less than one (1) acre. Residential burning conducted on lots less than one (1) acre in size is not considered to be fire hazard reduction burning.

PRESCRIBED FIRE INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM (PFIRS): The California Air Resources Board web-based database which allows Districts and land managers the opportunity to submit Smoke Management Plans electronically and identify and schedule the burning activities planned in a geographical area in order to reduce smoke impacts to the public. <https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/index.php>

PRESCRIBED BURNING: The planned application and confinement of fire to wildland fuels on lands selected in advance of that application to achieve any of the following objectives: (A) Prevention of high-intensity wildland fires through reduction of volume and continuity of wildland fuels, (B) vegetation management, and/or (C) forest improvement.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS: Any waste or manufactured material, including but not limited to: petroleum products and petroleum wastes; construction and demolition wastes; tar paper; roofing material; wiring; flooring material; insulation; plywood; coated wire; disposable diapers and putrescible wastes; tires; tar; non-natural wood waste; processed, painted or treated wood products; metals; motor vehicle bodies or parts; rubber; synthetics; plastics, including plastic film, twine and pipe; fiberglass; styrofoam; garbage; trash; refuse; rubbish; swill; ashes; glass; industrial wastes; equipment; appliances; furniture; instruments; utensils; mattresses; shoes; cloth; rags; paper and paper products; cardboard; boxes; crates; excelsior and other packaging materials; offal, including the carcass of any dead animal; human or animal parts or wastes, including blood and fecal matter; food contaminated material; or any other non-vegetative material that when burned may discharge air contaminants that may cause a health risk to any person.

WILDLAND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BURNING: The use of prescribed burning, conducted by a public agency, or through a cooperative agreement or contract involving a public agency, to burn land predominantly covered with chaparral, trees, grass, or standing brush.