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Pile Burning Operations to Begin at Trione-Annadel State Park

SONOMA COUNTY, Calif. - California State Parks in cooperation with the CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit plans to conduct a series of intermittent pile burns at <u>Trione-Annadel State</u> <u>Park</u>, as soon as Monday February 10, 2025, and continuing Mondays-Thursdays through the winter and early spring months as conditions permit.

This work is part of the <u>park's prescribed fire program</u> and is being conducted to support ongoing vegetation management, roadside fuel reduction, wildlife habitat improvement and other long term stewardship efforts. These pile burns are intended to reduce dead and downed woody material along park roads, near the park boundary and in other strategic locations to reduce the severity of future fires in these areas and to improve first responder access.

Pile burning is only conducted on days approved by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to minimize smoke impacts to surrounding communities. All burning depends on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If the conditions are not conducive for safe burning, the burns will be rescheduled.

A few park roads near the pile burn areas, including portions the Warren Richardson, North Burma and Canyon Trails, may be temporarily closed for 1-3 hours while piles are being ignited. Please adhere to posted signage and any directions from State Parks or CAL FIRE staff for your safety. People traveling near the burn areas may see smoke from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on burn days, with minimal smoke produced for up to 3 days following ignitions. In the unlikely event you smell smoke, officials urge you to take precautions and use common sense to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting time spent in areas with smoke. Please use extreme caution while recreating near prescribed fire operations due to fire personnel and equipment in the area.

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Photo: Staff from State Parks and CAL FIRE conducting a pile burn fire in Jack London State Historic Park on May 23, 2024.

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