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Prescribed Fire Operations Planned at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park in Lake County

LOWER LAKE, Calif.— California State Parks in cooperation with the Lake County Fire Protection District are planning a prescribed burn in the Anderson Marsh State Historic Park on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021, weather permitting. This effort will be carried out in cooperation with other partner agencies.

These burns are part of the prescribed fire program for vegetation management, hazardous fuel load reduction, wildlife habitat improvement, and other ecological benefits. This treatment will enhance the health of the park by removing diseased materials, restoring essential nutrients to the soil, and reducing the chance of a catastrophic wildfire.

In grassland and scrub areas, fire will be reintroduced as a component of the ecosystem on a rotational basis. The prescribed burns will also help in reducing dangerous fuel loads throughout our wildland areas.

All burning depends on weather and air quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If the conditions, such as weather or vegetation are not conducive for burning, the burns will be rescheduled.

Some public trails near the burn area will be closed the day of the burn. People traveling near the fire burn areas may see smoke from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the burns. In the unlikely event you smell smoke, Lake County officials urge you to take precautions and use common sense to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting outdoor activities.

Prescribed burns produce significantly less smoke than a wildfire does. If you see or smell smoke in your surroundings, officials recommend avoiding strenuous outdoor activity and remaining indoors as much as possible. These precautions are especially important for children, the elderly, and people with respiratory and heart conditions.

Please use extreme caution while driving near prescribed fire operations due to fire personnel and equipment in the area.

California State Parks and Lake County Fire are adhering to the safety protocols set by public health officials and has made accommodations to limit exposure among first responders and field crews to protect staff from COVID-19 during prescribed burns.

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