

News Release



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Lake Perris State Recreation Area: Prescribe Burn Rescheduled

California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in cooperation with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) will be postponing a planned prescribed burn at Lake Perris State Recreation Area. The burn, originally scheduled for June 11th and/or 12th, 2009 is being rescheduled for June 30th. This delay is due to the cloud and fog conditions the region is experiencing (i.e. June Gloom) producing high relative humidities, increasing fuel moisture. High fuel moisture limits fuel consumption reducing our ability to achieve our intended goals with regard to native habitat improvement. Weather conditions will dictate whether burning takes place on June 30th as well. The vegetation type will be annual grassland. The burn will total 250 acres.

This exercise will not impact visitor use of Lake Perris State Recreation Area except in the immediate area of the burning operation; the Park, lake and campgrounds will remain open.

This project is aimed at restoring native grass and forb habitats as well as reducing the hazard posed by flammable vegetation. In addition to the ecological and hazard reduction benefits, this prescribe burn will provide firefighters with valuable wildland fire training.

Firefighting resources from DPR and Cal Fire will be assigned to the operation the day of the burn.

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The briefing for personnel involved in this project will commence at 7:30 am followed by firing operations around 8:30 to 9:00 am weather permitting.

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