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Big Basin Redwoods State Park Prescribed Burn

FELTON – Fire personnel from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and CAL FIRE are planning to conduct up to a 360-acre prescribed burn near Johansen Rd. and Hollow Tree Trail at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The burn will tentatively begin on Saturday November 23, 2019 and continue through the Holiday weekend as conditions allow. Hollow Tree trail and Lane Trail Camp will be closed for the duration.

This burn is part of a long-term strategy at the State Park to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and to protect old-growth redwood forests. This habitat type relies on fire to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

The project is being conducted in accordance with a Smoke Management Permit issued by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities. Drivers on surrounding roads should expect to see smoke and it should be no cause for alarm.

The Big Basin area has been the scene of numerous human caused and power line fires over the past several years. The prescribed fires in this area provide environmental enhancement and increased fire protection for nearby residential areas.

CAL FIRE recommends the public take extra care to prepare for wildfire and create defensible space. Please visit www.readyforwildfire.org for helpful information on creating defensible space, hardening your home and fire safe landscaping. Also follow the CAL FIRE San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/CALFIRECZU> or visit our website www.fire.ca.gov/CZU/

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