



CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

SAN BENITO-MONTEREY UNIT

PROCLAMATION

SUSPENDING BURNING PERMITS AND OTHER USES OF OPEN FIRE

May 5th, 2025

Due to the extreme menace of destruction by fire to life, improved property, or natural resources caused by critical fire weather and acute dryness of vegetation; and/or fire suppression forces being heavily committed to control fires; and, under authority vested in me by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as per section 4423.1 of the Public Resources Code, I hereby suspend, except within the incorporated cities, the privileges of burning by permit and other uses of open fire in the geographic area described as:

ALL STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA LANDS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF

SAN BENITO & MONTEREY

Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property that are otherwise permitted will be allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland.

In accordance with section 4423.2 of the Public Resources Code, state rangers or other authorized agents of the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.

This order shall become effective at 8am on May 6th, 2025 and remain in effect until I formally terminate this proclamation.

George Nunez

Unit Chief,

CAL FIRE, San Benito-Monterey Unit