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January 10, 2012

Kathy Hardy, Forest Supervisor  
United States Forest Service  
Eldorado National Forest  
100 Forni Road  
Placerville, California 95667

RE: Prescribed burning in Eldorado National Forest

Ms. Hardy,

By an added item to the Board agenda of January 10, 2012, the Board of Supervisors strongly urges that the Eldorado National Forest refrain from any authorization for prescribed burning until after we have received sufficient rains to assure controllability of such burns. Our Board feels this is a health and safety issue to the residents of El Dorado County.

Respectfully,  
County of El Dorado,



John R. Knight, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors



## El Dorado County

James R. "Jack" Sweeney  
Supervisor, District III

Date: January 9, 2012

To: Board of Supervisors:

**RE: Prescribed Burning in Eldorado National Forest**

**While browsing the internet I came across these two conflicting reports. I feel the Board of Supervisors should urge the USFS to restrain from Prescribed Fires in Eldorado National Forests until we receive adequate weather.**

### **Prescribed Fires Planned To Resume In Eldorado National Forest**

Posted January 7th, 2012 by Admin o 95634 GEORGETOWN o El Dorado County

Placerville, CA ....The US Forest Service is planning to take advantage of the unusually dry winter conditions to resume prescribed burning in several locations in the Eldorado National Forest. Between January 10 and January 18, fire management crews are preparing to burn three miles of National Forest Lands located off the Mormon Emigrant Trail. Approximately, 1100 acres may be burned with a low intensity fire in the vicinity of Brown Rock and Meiss Road.

Fire crews may also manage prescribed fires near Georgetown in the vicinity of Darling Ridge on January 17 or 18, if weather and air conditions are right. Smoke from the Mormon Emigrant Trail burn should be visible for quite a distance from the fire.

The Forest Service must comply and coordinate with state and local county air pollution control districts. Smoke may continue for days after actual ignition because of the large scale of these projects. The Forest Service recommends that people living in or near the forest contact the nearest ranger station if they have respiratory illness or think the smoke might adversely affect them. These people will be placed on a "Sensitive Persons List" and will be notified of impending prescribed burning projects.

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### **KCRA.com**

Cal Fire: Fire Danger Unheard Of For January

### ***Extra Fire Crews Are On Standby This Weekend***

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, Calif. -- This weekend extra firefighters are on standby keeping a close watch on the windy conditions.

Cal Fire spokesman, Daniel Berlant said this is not a typical January. Fire officials haven't seen conditions this dry in some 30 years.

The low humidity, gusty winds and dry conditions are the perfect recipe for wildfires to erupt. Last month, when conditions were similar to today, more than 100 wildfires broke out in Northern California.

The area of great concern this weekend is the foothills.

People are asked to completely extinguish those camp fires and to not burn debris outdoors.

Winds are expected to increase by 10 a.m. on Saturday.

# CAL FIRE NEWS

## RELEASE

### California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Amador-El Dorado Unit

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RELEASE DATE: January 10, 2012

#### **CAL FIRE Suspends Burning in Amador and El Dorado Counties**

**Camino** – “Due to the lack of measurable precipitation and drying north and east winds, we have suspended all burning in the two counties on state responsibility lands until further notice” states Unit Chief Kelly Keenan of the Amador-El Dorado Unit of CAL FIRE. “Since this one of the driest winters on record, we have decided to take this action in order to protect life and property. We have put into place a staffing pattern that maintains one fire engine in each of our divisions and one conservation camp crew in each of our camps 24/7. We are also asking for the public's support by not burning their debris piles and checking on old debris piles and making sure they are completely out. We are seeing escape control burns almost daily due to these extreme weather conditions. If we work collectively, we can keep our communities free from a wildfire threat” adds Chief Keenan.

For more fire safety tips visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org) or [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

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