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CAL FIRE Humboldt- Del Norte Unit Transitions Out of Peak Fire Season

Recent rains and cooler temperatures across the region have lowered the threat of wildfires allowing CAL FIRE's Humboldt- Del Norte Unit to transition out of peak fire season effective Monday, December 9th, 2019 in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Western Trinity Counties.

CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit Chief Kurt McCray would like to remind everyone this year, CAL FIRE responded to several devastating wildfires throughout the state. CAL FIRE is asking homeowners to take action and provide defensible space for their property before the fire threat increases once again.

CAL FIRE will continue to maintain staffing to respond to potential fire-related threats, as well as maintaining the ability to strategically move resources to areas within California that remain at a higher threat level. CAL FIRE will also continue to monitor weather conditions closely and could increase staffing should weather conditions change, or if there is a need to support wildfires or other emergencies in the State.

Statewide, CAL FIRE and firefighters from many local agencies responded to over 6,190 wildfires within the State Responsibility Area that burned nearly 198,392 acres. In the Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, CAL FIRE responded to 45 wildfires that burned 54 acres.

During the cooler winter months, CAL FIRE will continue to actively focus efforts on fire prevention and fuels treatment activities as guided by the State's Strategic Fire Plan and localized Unit fire plans. These will be done through public education, prescribed burns, and various types of fuel reduction. These activities are aimed at reducing the impacts of large, damaging wildfires, and improving public safety and overall forest health.

Residents are urged to still take precautions outdoors to prevent sparking a wildfire. A leading cause of wildfires this time of year is from escaped debris burning. Before you burn, ensure it is a permissive burn day by contacting the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District and make sure you have required burn permit(s). Non-Standard Burn Permit holders no longer need a CAL FIRE LE-5 Burn Permit until May 1st, 2020. When burning, make sure that piles of vegetative debris are no larger than permits allow, provide 10 feet of clearance down to bare mineral soil around the burn pile, and ensure a responsible adult is in attendance at all times with an adequate water supply and a shovel.

For more ways to burn safely visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org