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## CAL FIRE BURN PERMITS REQUIRED MAY 1, 2017

**FORTUNA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Humboldt - Del Norte Unit would like to remind residents a CAL FIRE burn permit (LE-5) is required for Non-Standard burn permit holders beginning May 1, 2017.

Humboldt – Del Norte Unit Chief Hugh Scanlon wants to emphasize to the public the importance of following all burning regulations and ensuring controlled burns do not escape and become wildland fires. Chief Scanlon says, “The public living in wildland areas should prepare for increased wildfire activity this year as recent precipitation has promoted the rapid growth of vegetation, which will dry out in the coming months and leave fine fuels that are ready to burn.”

Residents are encouraged to conduct their burning early. Learn more how you can prepare for wildfire by visiting [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

To obtain the required CAL FIRE burn permit, contact the nearest CAL FIRE office for an application or additional information. LE-5 permit applications may require an on-site visit by CAL FIRE personnel to determine if specific precautions need to be included in the permit to conduct a safe burn. Burn permits are required year round by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (NCUAQMD). NCUAQMD burn permits can be obtained on-line at [ncuaqmd.org](http://ncuaqmd.org), in-person at 707 L Street, Eureka M-F 9 to Noon & 1-4, or by calling (707) 443-3093.

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