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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



## Siskiyou Unit

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### **CAL FIRE NEEDS YOUR HELP PREVENTING WILDLAND FIRES**

Yreka, CA– CAL FIRE Siskiyou has responded to more than 131 wildfires in the last 43 days, averaging 3 fires a day, that have burned over 600 acres.

California's wet winter fueled the growth of a significant grass crop. The abundant grass is very dry and tinder. CAL FIRE urges residents to remove excess vegetation around homes and maintain 100 feet of defensible space to increase the odds that the structure will survive a wildfire. Now is the time to act to prevent wildfires.

These fires that we have been seeing in Siskiyou County could have been prevented. We are reminding folks to use the extra precaution while working and/or enjoying the outdoors. CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit Chief Phillip Anzo reminds everyone to not let their guard down and be cautious to avoid sparking a wildfire.

Here are a few fire safety reminders:

- Make sure all ashes from campfires and BBQ's are completely extinguished with water and cold to the touch. Also make sure all campfires have least 5-feet of clearance down to bare mineral soil and always have a valid campfire permit.
- Completely extinguish cigarettes. Use water on the ashes and butts to be sure they are completely out.
- Always mow or weed eat before 10 a.m.
- Use a string trimmer type weed eater with a nylon string to cut dry grass.
- Never park or drive your vehicle in dry grass. Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained with nothing dragging on the ground.
- Off road vehicles shall be equipped with a spark arrestor. Ride only on designated trails and avoid riding in tall grass.
- A burn permit suspension is in place. No debris burning is allowed.

Following these few steps can save lives. Remember Fire prevention starts with you. California's are encouraged to be vigilant and remember One Less Spark means One Less Wildfire.

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