

# NEWS RELEASE



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## Prescribed Burn Scheduled for Lake Skinner

On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, and Thursday, June 20, 2019, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department, in cooperation with Riverside County Parks and Metropolitan Water District, will be conducting prescribed burns at Lake Skinner near Auld Rd and Borel Rd on Wednesday; and Crown Valley Road and Rawson Road on Thursday. The scheduled dates are dictated by favorable weather conditions. A total of 307 acres of grassland will be burned. Smoke will be visible from nearby communities, but will disperse quickly and is not expected to be a health hazard.

The project is aimed at eliminating non-native grass as well as reducing the hazard posed by flammable vegetation. In addition to the ecological and hazard reduction benefits, firefighters from multiple departments are provided the opportunity to participate in valuable wildland fire suppression training.

This prescribed burn operation will utilize CAL FIRE engines and CAL FIRE Conservation Camp Fire crews in addition to other local department engines from throughout Southern California. Burning operations will typically begin after 6:00 a.m. and conclude by noon the same day. The burning operation will only occur on permissive burn days as determined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department.

Please contact the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Public Affairs Bureau at (951) 940-6985 with any questions.

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