

Burn suspension remains in effect

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The CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit would like to remind the public that outdoor debris burning remains suspended. The suspension went into effect July 25. There is no set date when it will be lifted. While showers are forecasted for the coming weekend, the threat of wildfire continues.

Forecasted rain would affect lighter fuels such as grass, but heavy dead fuels will remain dry. Any effect on fuels such as dead grass would be short-lived.

Dead grass takes only an hour to respond to changes in humidity. While firefighters welcome any rainfall, breezy winds are also expected in many areas across the north state. Gusts of 20 to 30 miles per hour may occur along the Coastal Range, increasing fire potential.

Every year, CAL FIRE responds to debris burn escapes when residents underestimate the fire danger and choose to burn illegally.

Even with some precipitation, peak fire season conditions remain, especially with the predicted winds and heavy dead fuel conditions. Those found responsible for burning illegally could face civil and/or criminal

penalties.

Responses to these illegal activities requires a commitment of resources, potentially delaying firefighters from getting to other emergencies.

The CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit urges the public not to burn until after the burn suspension is lifted. Once lifted, residents may burn dry vegetation, with proper permits, and on approved burn days. CAL FIRE will notify the public when the suspension is lifted. Contact CAL FIRE and the North Coast Unified Air Quality District (NCUAQMD) for more information.