

BUTTE COUNTY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**RULE 309 - WILDLAND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT BURNING**

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**RULE 309**

Wildland vegetation management burning shall conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Butte County Air Quality Management District (DISTRICT) and also conform to the following requirements:

- 1 **BURN PLAN:** Any proposed burn, regardless of size, which will occur below an elevation of 1000 feet mean sea level (MSL), or any proposed burn which encompasses a land area greater than 10.0 acres and which occurs at or above an elevation of 1000 feet MSL shall include the following data to be submitted in a burn plan to the DISTRICT at least seven (7) days prior to ignition:
  - 1.1 Acreage covered by the burn plan
  - 1.2 Location and specific objectives of the burn project
  - 1.3 Type and condition of fuel and arrangement of the vegetation to be burned
  - 1.4 Direction and distances to populated or sensitive receptor areas
  - 1.5 Project burn schedule (ignition to burndown) and fuel combustion prescription elements
  - 1.6 Fuel condition, combustion, and meteorological prescription elements developed for the burn projects
  - 1.7 Specifications for monitoring and verifying project parameters
  - 1.8 Procedures for notifying the public and other agencies of the burn

- 2 **ACREAGE LIMITATION:** No more than 6,000 acres of wildland vegetation as defined in these Rules and Regulations shall be ignited on any one (1) day within Butte County.
  
- 3 **AIR RESOURCES BOARD ADVANCE PERMISSIVE-BURN NOTICE:** Upon request from a permittee through the DISTRICT, seven (7) days in advance of a specific range improvement burn, forest management burn, or wild land vegetation management burn, at any elevation below 6,000 feet MSL, a permissive-burn or no-burn notice will be issued by the state board up to 48 hours prior to the date of the scheduled burn. Without further request, a daily notice will continue to be issued until a permissive-burn notice is issued.
  - 3.1 Notwithstanding Section 3 of this Rule, the California Air Resources Board may cancel permissive-burn notices that have been issued more than 24 hours in advance if the cancellation is necessary to maintain suitable air quality.
  
  - 3.2 A permissive-burn or No-burn advisory outlook will be available up to 72 hours in advance of burns specified in Section 3 of this Rule.