

## **Rule 203 General Burn Practices, Requirements and Conditions**

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### **RULE 203: GENERAL BURN PRACTICES, REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **1.0 PROHIBITION OF BURN BARREL USE AND DRYING REQUIREMENTS.**

- 1.1** All wastes to be burned shall be free of prohibited burn materials and all other wastes prohibited by this Regulation or disallowed by the APCO, and shall be reasonably free of dirt, soil, visible surface moisture and moisture content so as to minimize smoke.
- 1.2** Except as otherwise specifically authorized by this Regulation, the use of *any* type of burn barrel, incinerator, or similar device is prohibited during the ignition of any waste and the use for any burning activity, except as specifically authorized in Section 1.3.
- 1.3** Notwithstanding Section 1 above, until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013, dry non-glossy paper and cardboard and natural vegetation may be burned in a burn barrel within any unincorporated area within the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties), which is outside the following designated areas:

- 1.3.1** Burn Barrel Use Permitted in those areas not included within  
The following Designated Areas:

Arcata Fire Protection District
Blue Lake Fire Protection District
Carlotta Community Services District
City of Eureka
City of Trinidad
County Service Area #4 District
Crescent City West of Six Rivers NF and North of T15N

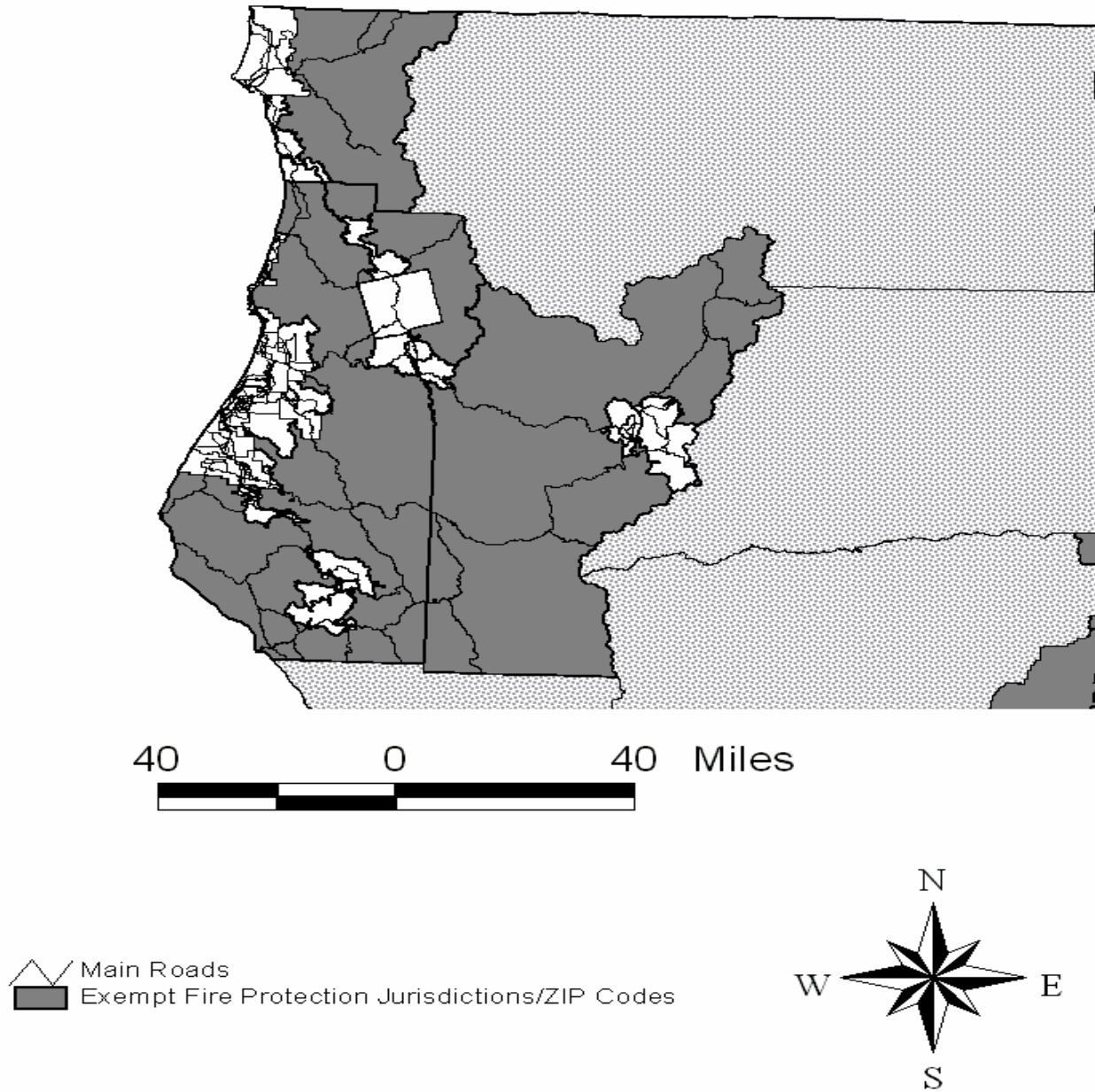
Ferndale Fire Protection District
Fieldbrook Community Services District
Fortuna Fire Protection District
Garberville Fire Protection District
Hoopa
Humboldt #1 Fire Protection District
Kneeland Fire Protection District
Loleta Fire Protection District
Miranda Fire Protection District
Myers Flat Fire Protection District
Orick Community Services District
Phillipsville Community Services District
Redway Fire Protection District
Rio Dell Fire Protection District
Rio Dell Fire Protection District SOI NORTH
Rio Dell Fire Protection District SOI SOUTH
Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District
Scotia Volunteer Fire
Smith River West of Six Rivers NF and North of T15N
Weaverville Fire District
Weott Community Services District
Westhaven Community Service District
Willow Creek Fire Protection District
ZIP Code 95521, Arcata
ZIP Code 95524, Bayside
ZIP Code 95503, Eureka
ZIP Code 95540, Fortuna
ZIP Code 95546, Hoopa
ZIP Code 95547, Hydesville
ZIP Code 95548, Klamath
ZIP Code 96052, Lewiston
ZIP Code 95551, Loleta
ZIP Code 95519, McKinleyville
ZIP Code 95553, Miranda
ZIP Code 95554, Myers Flat
ZIP Code 95560, Redway
ZIP Code 95563, Salyer
ZIP Code 95565, Scotia
ZIP Code 96093, Weaverville
ZIP Code 95573, Willow Creek

Notes: <sup>1</sup> As shown in Figures 1 to 5, <sup>2</sup> ZIP Code refers to US Census ZIP Code Tabulation Areas

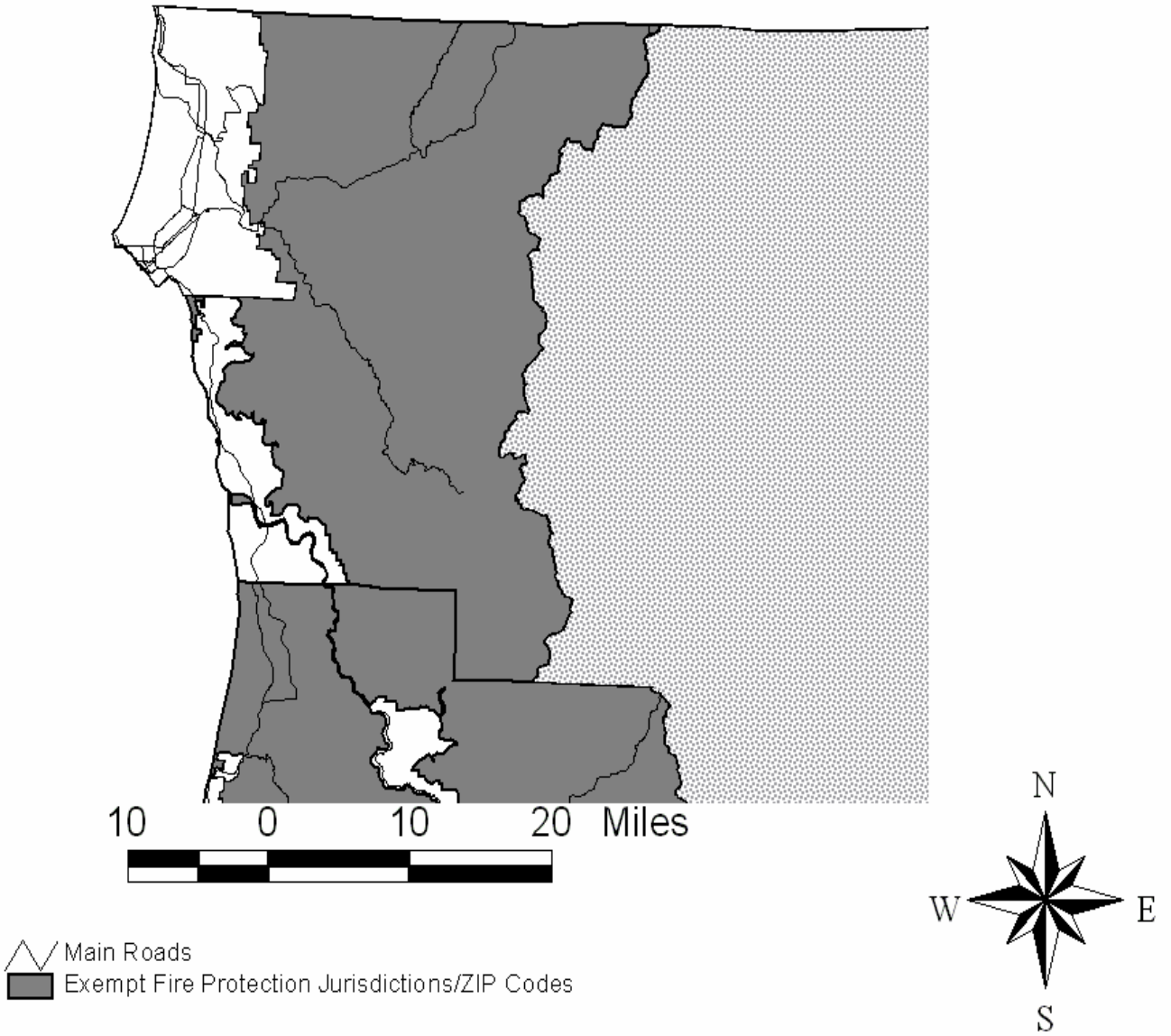
**1.3.2 Approved burn barrel zones by map depictions.** The following maps are provided for general visual reference only and depict approved burn barrel zones within the counties of Del Norte, Trinity and Humboldt. Where any conflict or potential conflict appears between any of the

maps depicted and the area references specified in Section 1.3.1 above, the reference(s) specified in Sections 1.3.1 above shall be enforced as the regulatory determination for approved burn barrel use.

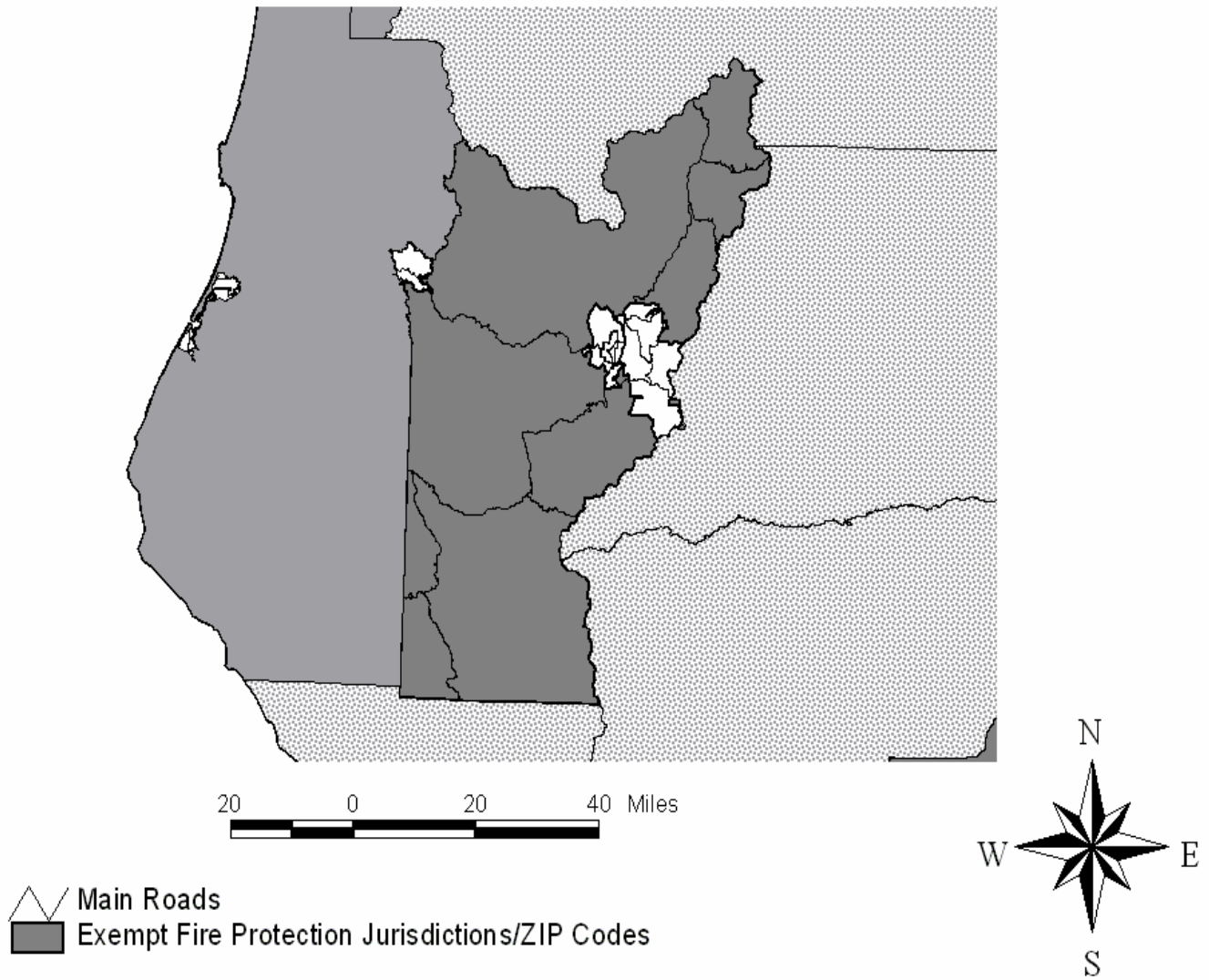
**Figure 1, District-Wide Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**



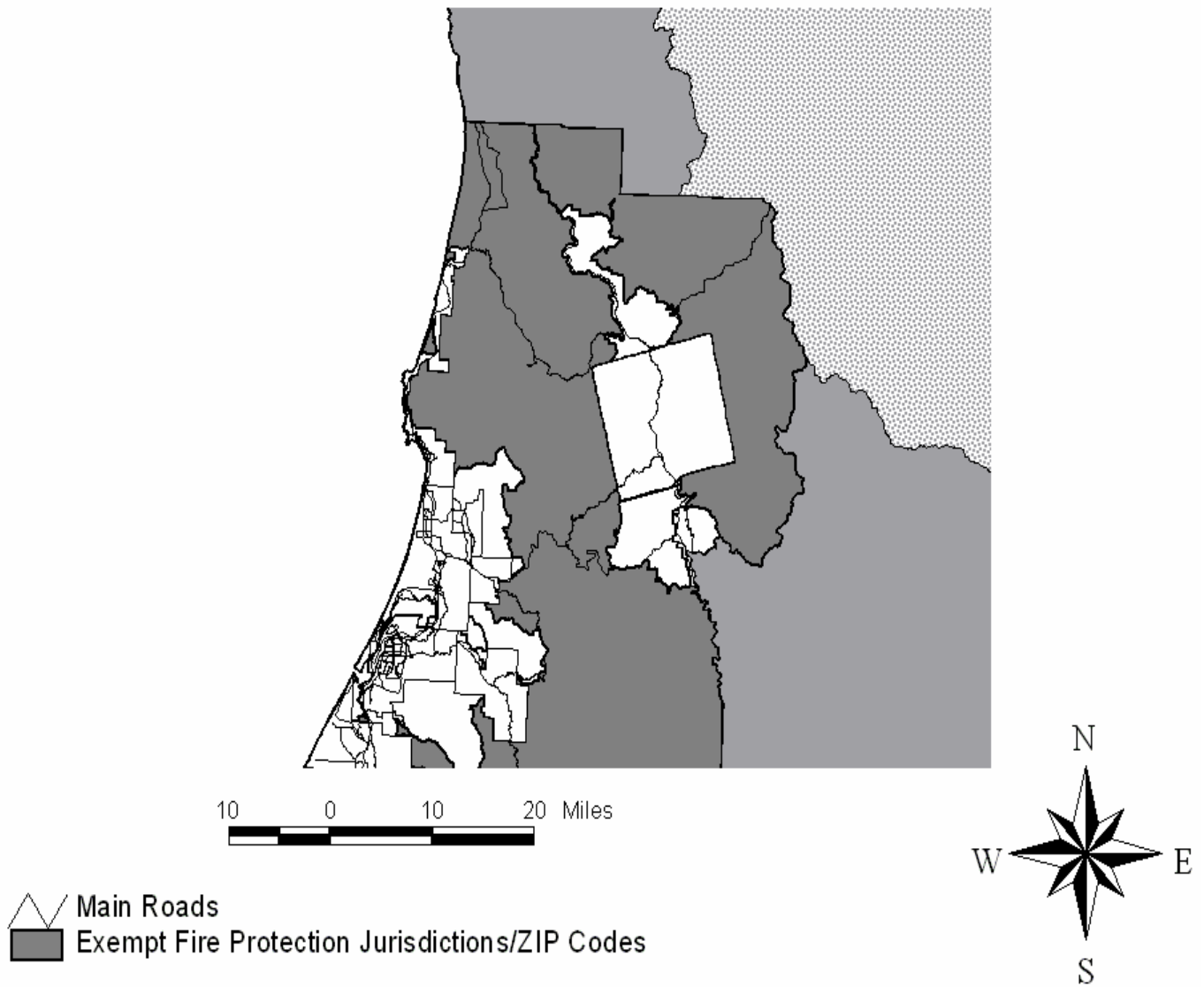
**Figure 2, Del Norte County Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**



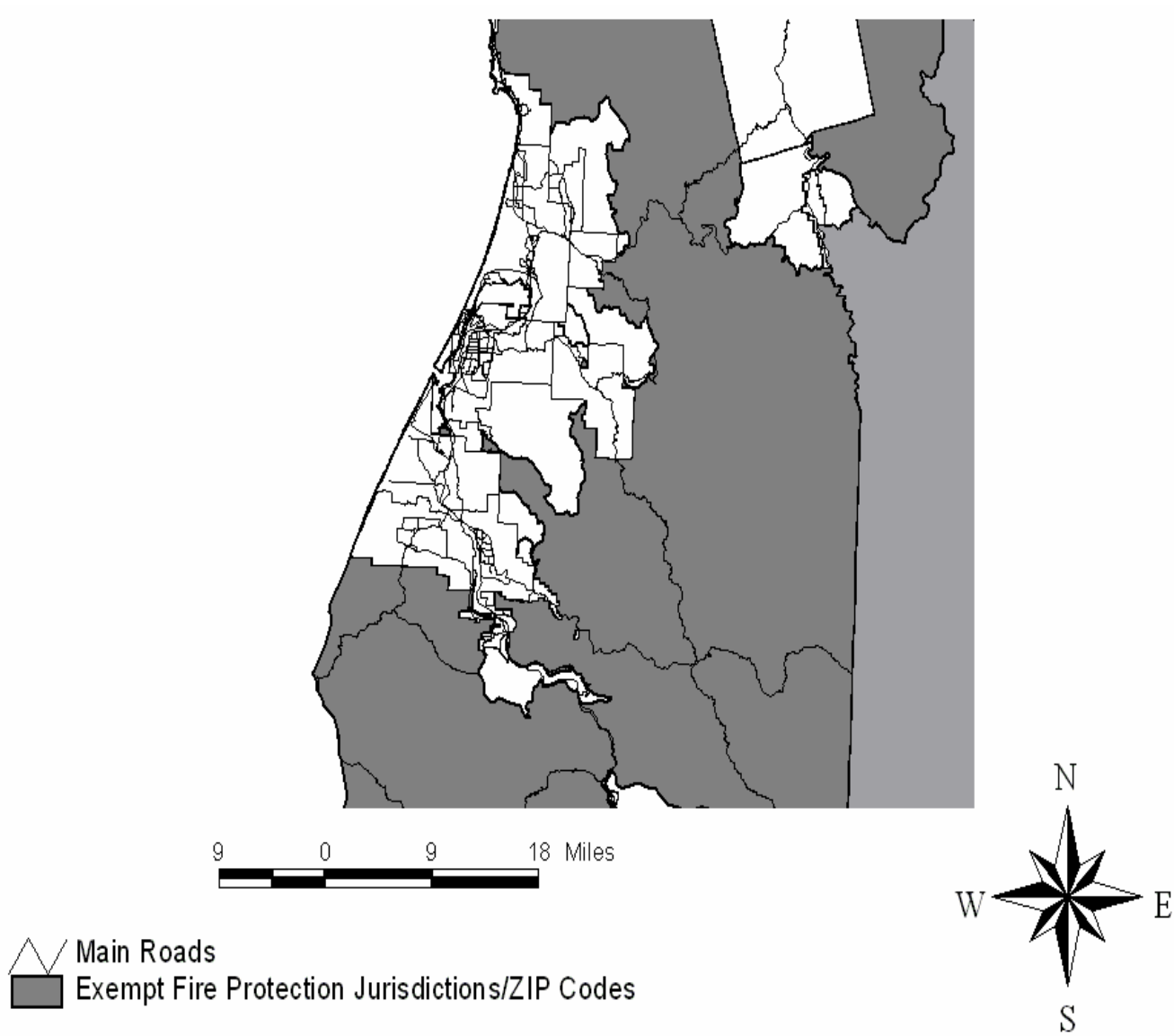
**Figure 3, Trinity County Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**



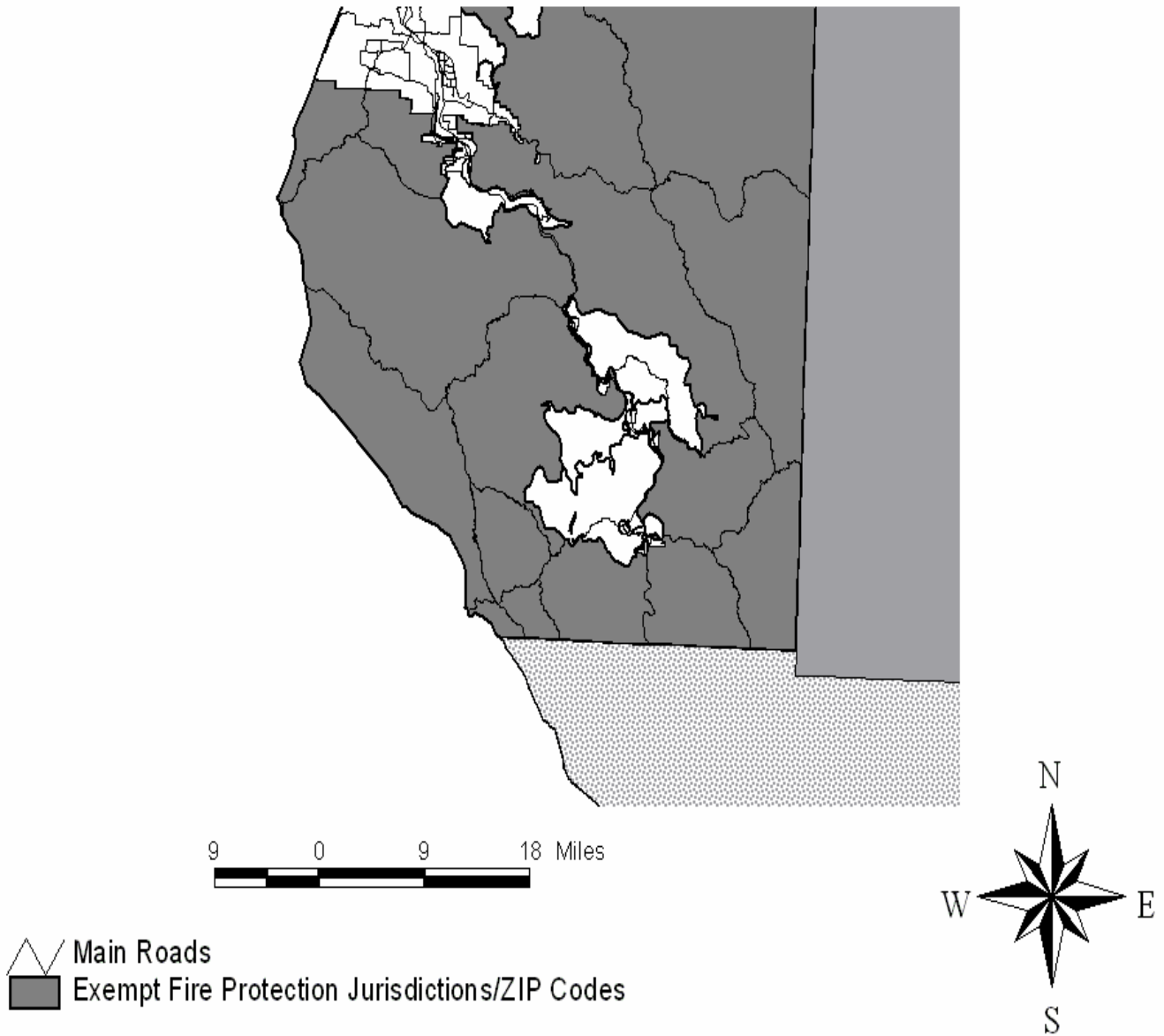
**Figure 4, North Humboldt County Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**



**Figure 5, Central Humboldt County Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**



**Figure 6, Southern Humboldt County Burn Barrel Zone Exemption**





- 1.4** The exemptions provided for those areas exempt under Section 1.3, above, shall terminate on December 31, 2013, unless reviewed and approved by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District Governing Board prior to December 31, 2013, and approved by the California Air Resources Board.

## **2.0 ARRANGEMENT OF BURNABLE WASTE**

- 2.1 Smoke Minimization.** All burnable waste shall be arranged so that it will ignite as rapidly as practicable within applicable fire control restrictions and burn with a minimum of smoke.

- 2.2 Designated Burn Period.** Only that amount of waste that can reasonably be expected to completely burn within the burn period designated on a valid Coordinated Burn Authorization Permit following ignition shall be ignited on any one (1) day; provided, however, when approved by the APCO trees, stumps and branches greater than six (6) inches in diameter may be ignited even though they cannot reasonably be expected to completely burn within such period. Burning vegetation greater than six (6) inches in diameter may be ignited even though they cannot reasonably be expected to completely burn within such period. Burning vegetation greater than six (6) inches in diameter beyond the designated burn hours does not relieve the permittee from smoke impact liability.

- 3.0 DRYING PERIOD.** Except as provided for in Rule 203 of these Rules and Regulations to lower the moisture content of agricultural waste, the elapsed time between cutting, felling or uprooting and ignition or burning shall be:

- 3.1** A minimum of thirty (30) days for trees, stumps and branches greater than six (6) inches in diameter.

- 3.2** A minimum of fifteen (15) days for vines, bushes or branches less than or equal to six (6) inches in diameter.

- 4.0 WIND DIRECTION.** Waste authorized for burning shall not be ignited when the wind direction is such that smoke from the burning of such waste would be blown or carried into a nearby populated area and could create a public nuisance.

- 5.0 BURNING OF VINES OR BUSHES TREATED WITH HERBICIDES.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 of this Rule, vines or bushes may be burned in place without being cut or uprooted if they are treated and desiccated with herbicides and allowed to dry at least six (6) months prior to ignition or burning. However, such burning may be allowed by the Air Pollution Control Officer prior to the expiration of the six (6) month period when performed in accord with a valid Coordinated Burn Authorization Permit and where the applicant for a Coordinated Burn Authorization Permit demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Air Pollution Control Officer that burning vines or bushes treated with herbicides, prior to the expiration of such six (6) month period, could be accomplished in a manner which would produce no more smoke than would be produced by the burning of the same type of vines or bushes which had been cut or uprooted and dried for fifteen (15) days.

- 6.0 TRANSPORTATION OF BURNABLE MATERIALS.** All vegetative material to be burned pursuant to this Regulation must be burned on the property where the material was grown. No

material may be transported to another location to be burned, except in compliance with the exemption provided under Rule 206.