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Burn Permits Required May 1, 2012

Butte County – Residents protected by CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue will be required to have a burn permit beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2012 if they wish to burn dooryard debris. Burn permits are available at no charge from all CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Rescue Stations and the U.S. Forest Service Plumas National Forest Office at 875 Mitchell Avenue in Oroville. As always, citizens using fire should do so safely. The following are guidelines that must be followed in order to burn safely and legally:

- ✓ Before burning in Butte County, you **MUST** call the Butte County Air Quality Management District (BCAQMD) at **332-9407** or toll free at **1-855-332-9407** or at www.bcaqmd.org to determine burn day status and to familiarize yourself with BCAQMD regulations for your area.
- ✓ Do not burn on windy days.
- ✓ Burn only clean, dry, vegetative waste such as leaves, pine needles, and yard clippings.
- ✓ Drying times apply for the burning of vegetative waste. Contact the BCAQMD for more information.
- ✓ Piles can be no larger than four feet in diameter and four feet high.
- ✓ Provide a 10 foot, bare mineral soil perimeter around the burn pile.
- ✓ If burning on a lot less than one acre in size, all open fires should be located more than twenty-five (25) feet from the nearest occupied dwelling on any adjacent parcel.
- ✓ Keep a water source handy such as a charged garden hose.
- ✓ Property owners can be held civilly and criminally liable if a fire escapes their control and/or burns onto a neighboring property.
- ✓ Under the terms of the burn permit, burn hours are 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- ✓ Control burns should be out cold and wet before they are left unattended.
- ✓ Residential open burning is prohibited on lots less than 0.90 acres in size in the unincorporated areas of Butte County which are within the Chico Sphere of Influence. For more information, contact the BCAQMD.
- ✓ A county wide residential burn ban will go into effect on July 1, 2012.

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Remember, the person who is conducting the burning is responsible to maintain control of their fire. If a fire escapes control, the responsible person may be held criminally and civilly responsible for all costs associated with the suppression of the fire and the damage that it causes. If you need further information about safe burning, please stop by your local fire station or contact the CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Prevention Bureau at (530) 538-7888 or the U.S. Forest Service Feather River Ranger District at (530) 534-6500.

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