

Memorandum

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Subject: Vegetation Management Program, Smoke Management Planning -
Use of the Prescribed Fire Incident Reporting System (PFIRS)

CAL FIRE and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) are jointly working to improve the information available on the statewide use of prescribed fire. We are interested in centralizing information regarding the location and timing of prescribed burns to facilitate air quality monitoring designed to better understand the potential impacts on the air sheds. A comprehensive use of the PFIRS will help this effort. This information is intended to reduce the uncertainty of smoke impacts and allow CARB to allocate more permissive burn-days per year. Ultimately this will support our efforts to increase the use of prescribed fire statewide.

Effective immediately all projects being counted in CalMAPPER as broadcast burn acres with CAL FIRE involvement will be entered into the PFIRS at least two weeks prior to the planned ignition date. Pile burn acres will not be entered into the PFIRS to avoid double counting of acres in CalMAPPER.

The link below will take you to the PFIRS web page where you can login if you have an account. If you do not have an account you can request one by clicking on the support tab.

<https://ssl.arb.ca.gov/pfirs/index.php>

PFIRS training sessions will be available for anyone who has not used PFIRS in the past or would like a refresher course.

If you have any questions contact Tony Mediati at tony.mediati@fire.ca.gov.