

Mariposa

CONTROL BURNING

IN

MARIPOSA COUNTY

WITH THE

MARIPOSA

RANGE

IMPROVEMENT

ASSOCIATION



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As provided in the California Forest and Fire Laws controlled burning may be used to remove unwanted vegetation from land for the purpose of eliminating fire hazard, reduce the risk of uncontrolled fire, increase forage, return wastelands to production, and to reduce the danger of incendiarism.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS

There have been organized in Mariposa, and other counties of California, range improvement associations with the objective, among others, of providing organized cooperation to landowners in controlled burning. The purposes of this cooperation is to help landowners make controlled burning safe and efficient. The landowner or operator, under permit from the State Division of Forestry, conducts the controlled burn and the person assigned the permit is responsible in the event of damage to person or property of others done by the fire due to his negligence. Range Improvement Associations in no way conduct the burns, nor do their officers or members, and they assume no responsibility. Such associations help landowners or operators only with organization and coordination of volunteers before the burn.

This publication is directed to the landowner or operator who desires help with a controlled burn from the Mariposa Range Improvement Association.

LAWS RELATIVE TO CONTROLLED BURNING

Laws and regulations are necessary for the orderly conduct of most functions of society and knowledge of those related to controlled burning, when such is contemplated, is requisite. These may be found in the Appendix of this publication.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

Experienced brush burners in Mariposa County realize successful controlled burns are only possible if sufficient preparation is made and sufficient manpower and equipment are available. Organization of this experience to aid those desiring to burn can make success much easier to accomplish than can individual effort. So that all concerned may know what is expected of them to get the cooperation of the Association, these rules are set forth:

I.

The individual landowner or lessee wanting assistance from the association will:

- 1) Request assistance before June 1st of burn year, either at meeting or in writing.
- 2) Accept membership in Association (see By-Laws Appendix- page 9)
- 3) Show evidence of comprehensive insurance of kind and amount satisfactory to the association.

4) Inspect proposed burn area in company with State Forestry representative and Association inspection committee.

5) File with the State Division of Forestry application for permission to burn.

6) Prepare fire breaks as recommended by State Forestry representative and Association inspection committee.

7) Designate fire boss subject to approval of Association.

8) Complete fire breaks by July 1st or as required by Association and inspect burn area again for final approval with State Forestry representative and Association inspection committee.

9) Notify adjoining property owners and co-tenants as required by law.

10) Have required equipment on hand on day of burn.

11) Feed volunteer helpers on fire line.

12) Provide necessary patrol after fire.

13) Provide help to other burns.

14) Submit detailed map and plan of burning for approval by Association.

15) Post or publish proper notices as required by County Ordinance. (see Appendix - page 4)

16) Assume responsibility for fire as specified by State Law.

17) Contribute to Association, prior to burn, two cents (2¢) per acre to be burned.

II.

The Association or its appointed committee will:

1) Schedule dates for burns for those receiving assistance from Association.

2) Help make plans and review all plans for burns submitted by applicants for assistance.

3) Inspect areas proposed for burning and decide on necessary preparatory measures using Safety guide lines (Appendix-page 4)

4) Provide publicity for burns.

5) Help applicant to secure necessary manpower and equipment.

6) Provide applicant with notification form to adjoining property owners and notices or signs as required by County Ordinance. (Appendix - page 11, page 12)

7) Aid applicant in drawing up map of burn showing fire plan as approved by Association.

APPENDIX

I.

LAWS RELATIVE TO RANGE IMPROVEMENT OR CONTROLLED BURNING

A. PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Section 4012.5: CONDUCT AT FOREST FIRE. Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, at the burning of a forest fire, does any of the following:

- a) Disobeys the lawful orders of any public officer or fireman.
- b) Offers any resistance to or interference with the lawful efforts of any fireman or company of firemen to extinguish the fire.
- c) Engages in any disorderly conduct calculated to prevent the fire from being extinguished.
- d) Forbids, prevents, or dissuades others from assisting to extinguish the fire.
- e) Rides, drives, or propels any vehicle or conveyance upon, over, or across any fire hose or chemical hose used by or in charge of any public officer or fireman, or injure or damage in any manner any such hose or apparatus of any kind in use by or in charge of any public officer or fireman.

Section 4151: PERMIT TO BURN ON LANDS OF ANOTHER. No person shall set fire, or cause fire to be set to any forest, brush, or other inflammable vegetation growing on lands not his own, without the permission of the owner, lessee, or agent of such land, nor shall any person set fire or cause fire to be set to any such vegetation at any time between April 15th and December 1st of any years without first obtaining a written permit from the owner, lessee, or agent thereof and the State Forester or his duly authorized agent.

Section 4152: ALLOWING FIRE TO ESCAPE. No person shall knowingly allow fire to burn uncontrolled on land owned or controlled by him, or to escape to the lands of any person other than that of the owner. Nor shall any person allow any fire kindled or attended by him to escape from his control or to spread to the land of any person other than from the land from which the fire originated.

Section 4153: PERMIT FOR BURNING BRUSH, ETC., DURING DRY SEASON. No person shall burn brush, stumps, logs, fallen timber, fallows, slash, or grass, brush or forest covered land, or any other inflammable material, or blast with dynamite, powder, or other explosive, or set off fireworks of any kind in forest, fallows, grass, or brush covered land, either on his own land or the property of another between April 15th and December 1st of any year, nor during such other times of the year when unusual fire hazard conditions shall be declared to exist by proclamation by the Director of Natural Resources, unless such burning or use of explosives is done under a written permit from the State Forester or his duly authorized agent, and in strict accordance with the terms of this permit.

Section 4154: SETTING BACKFIRE. No person shall set a backfire, or cause a backfire to be set, except under the direct supervision or permission of a State or Federal forest officer, unless it can be established that the setting of such backfire was necessary for the purpose of saving life or valuable property.

Section 4160: REFUSAL TO FIGHT FIRE. No person shall refuse or fail to render assistance in combating a forest, brush or grass fire at the summons of the State Forester, or his duly authorized agent charged with the prevention or suppression of fire or the enforcement of the State fire laws, or any county firewarden, fireman, or county officer charged with the duty of preventing or combating forest, brush or grass fires, or any officer of a county fire protection district, unless prevented from so doing by sickness or physical disability.

Section 4164: UNCONTROLLED FIRE DEFINED. The term "uncontrolled fire" as used in this section means any fire burning on lands covered wholly or in part by timber, brush, grass, grain, or any other inflammable material, which is not burning within the confines of cleared firebreaks or which is burning with such velocity that it could not be readily extinguished with the ordinary tools commonly available to private property.

Any uncontrolled fire burning on any lands, designated by Chapter 1 of this division, without proper precaution being taken to prevent its spread, notwithstanding the origin of such fire, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance by reason of its menace to life and property, and the State Division of Forestry or other fire protection agencies may summarily abate the nuisance by controlling and extinguishing such fire.

Section 4880: RANGE IMPROVEMENT - ADVICE AND STAND-BY SERVICE. The cooperation by the State, as provided in this chapter, with persons desiring to use controlled burning as a means of converting brush-covered lands into forage lands, which has as its objective fire prevention and protection, watershed protection and conservation, or range and forage improvement, is declared to be for a public purpose.

This chapter shall be administered by the Department of Natural Resources acting through the Division of Forestry.

In furtherance of the provisions of this chapter, the Division of Forestry shall provide advisory service to applicants for controlled burning permits as to precautions to be taken by the applicant to prevent damage to the property of others by reason of such burning, and shall provide stand-by fire protection, to such extent as personnel fire crews, and fire fighting equipment are available.

Section 4881: APPLICATION FOR RANGE IMPROVEMENT. Any person, firm, or corporation or any group or combination thereof, owning or controlling brush-covered land within an area the fire protection of which is primarily state responsibility may apply to the Division of Forestry for permission to burn the brush from such lands. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the division and shall contain a description of the lands and such other pertinent information as the division may require.

Section 4882: INVESTIGATION BY DIVISION. Upon receipt of an application the division shall inspect such land in company with the applicant to determine whether a permit shall be granted and shall suggest such precautions to be taken by the applicant as may be considered reasonable to prevent damage to the property of others by reason of such burning. Such suggested precautions shall, if deemed necessary, include the advance preparation of firebreaks and the fire fighting equipment and personnel desirable to conduct such controlled burning.

Section 4883: PERMIT TO BURN FOR RANGE IMPROVEMENT. Upon the conclusion of the examination provided for in Section 4882 the division may thereupon issue to the applicant a brush-burning permit which shall specify the suggested

precautions to be exercised prior to and during the burning. The issuance of a permit by the division shall not be construed to relieve the holder thereof from the duty of exercising due diligence to avoid damage to property of others in conducting the burning of brush as authorized by such permit.

B. HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Section 13000: RESPONSIBILITY IN CONTROL OF FIRE. Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who allows a fire kindled or attended by him to escape from his control or to spread to the lands of any person other than the builder of the fire without using every reasonable and proper precaution to prevent the fire from escaping.

Section 13007: LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE. Any person who personally or through another wilfully, negligently, or in violation of law, sets fire to, allows fire to be set to, or allows a fire kindled or attended by him to escape to the property of another, whether privately or publicly owned, is liable to the owner of such property for the damages to the property caused by the fire.

Section 13008: DUE DILIGENCE REQUIRED. Any person who allows any fire burning upon his property to escape to the property of another, whether privately or publicly owned, without exercising due diligence to control such fire, is liable to the owner of such property for the damages to the property caused by the fire.

Section 13009: SUPPRESSION COST COLLECTIBLE. The expenses of fighting any fires mentioned in Sections 13007 and 13008 are a charge against any person made liable by those sections for damages caused by such fires. Such charge shall constitute a debt of such person, and is collectible by the person, or by the federal, state, county, or private agency incurring such expenses in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under a contract, expressed or implied.

Section 13010: Sections 13007, 13008 and 13009 of this code do not apply to nor affect any rights, duties, or causes of action in existence and accruing prior to August 14, 1931.

C. PENAL CODE

Section 19: PUNISHMENT FOR MISDEMEANOR. Except in cases where a different punishment is prescribed by any law of this state, every offense declared to be a misdemeanor is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by both.

D. COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 172.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, do ordain as follows:

Section I. Definitions. The following definitions are adopted for purposes of this ordinance:

a) Controlled burn means any lawful fire set by a property owner, or otherwise, for the purpose of land clearance, brush burning, fire control, or range improvement.

b) Fire line means any water-course, road, bull-dozer line, or fire break, or any other natural or artificial fire break, constructed or adopted by any

property owner or owners for the purpose of confining the area of a controlled burn.

c) Property owner means any person, corporation, unincorporated association, or combination or group thereof, entitled to conduct a controlled burn under the laws of the State of California and the regulations of the State of California Division of Forestry, either wholly or partly upon land owned or possessed by himself in the County of Mariposa.

Section II. Every property owner, before conducting a controlled burn in the County of Mariposa, shall publish or cause to be published at least ten days prior to the date of said controlled burn in a newspaper of general circulation in said county a notice stating the date of the controlled burn and the general area to be burned thereby, or at least five days prior to the date of the controlled burn, shall post a similar notice in a conspicuous place, one mile distant from the fire line of said controlled burn, on every highway or road which enters an area one mile distant from the perimeter of a controlled burn, as defined by the fire line thereof.

Section III. Whenever a notice has been published or posted, as provided in Section Two, it shall be unlawful to hunt warm-blooded animals, or birds, or to carry a loaded rifle, within one mile of a fire line on the day or days of a controlled burn.

Section IV. Violations of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00, or by imprisonment in the County jail for a period not in excess of six months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

II.

A SAFETY GUIDE FOR CONTROLLED BURNS *

(As prepared by the Range Improvement Advisory Committee to the State Board of Forestry for the use of local range improvement associations.)

It is impossible to set down, by rule or by law, specifications for control lines that will be applicable to all conditions in the State but the following suggestions are helpful under most conditions.

1. Location of Fire Lines

- a) Use existing barriers: roads, rock outcrops, bodies of water, recent burns, open ridges.
- b) Take advantage of open areas: use edges of grass-covered land, irrigated fields, sparse brush fields, etc., whenever possible.
- c) If possible avoid locating control lines in deep narrow canyons.
- d) Avoid heavy accumulations of fuel near the line: dense clumps of live oak, piles of dry brush, snags, stumps, or rotten logs.

2. Construction of Fire Lines and Preparation for Burning.

- a) All lines should be as straight as practical - no sharp turns or corners.

* This is the guide as modified by action of the Committee on January 11, 1956; and as presented to the Board of Forestry on Jan. 12, 1956. - L.T.B.

- b) Lines should be suitable for jeep or pick-up travel, so far as possible.
- c) Have fire line clear of all inflammable material.
- d) Do not use undercut lines. (an undercut line is one located on the down-hill side of the fire; it usually requires trenching to prevent burning material from rolling down into the unburned area.)
- e) Lines through brush should have a minimum width of at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the height of the brush canopy - some conditions would require much more.
- f) Lines should be located for up-slope and in-wind burning to get best possible consumption of fuel on ground.
- g) Lines should be located or constructed to prevent rolling material from crossing them.
- h) All lines must be completely connected around area.
- i) Consideration should be given to crushing brush in place before burning in order to secure a clean, effective burn and even distribution of ash.

3. Safety Measures for Burns.

- a) Dead snags, stumps, dead brush, etc., should be pushed inside control lines where feasible, not left outside.
- b) Piles of dead fuel outside break should be burned during winter months.
- c) Breaks through areas covered with dense brush should be widened by winter burning.
- d) Fall live trees having dead limbs, spike tops, or those that are hollow, along both sides of the fire line.
- e) Have maps available showing area to be burned - roads, sector bosses, dangerous locations, and locations of extra equipment such as dozers.
- f) Have dozers available at strategic locations.
- g) Insurance coverage should be considered and carried by all permittees.
- h) All Public Utilities within area should be notified in writing several days prior to burn.
- i) Public roads bordering area to be burned should be posted to notify traveling public "This Is a Controlled Burn".
- j) Secondary control lines are recommended wherever possible.
- k) Owners or fire boss should see that all necessary equipment will be available (both ignition and suppression); provide water for pumpers.
- l) Owner and/or fire boss should see that food and drinking water are to be provided and distributed at proper times.
- m) Provide communications between different sectors of the fire line.
- n) Notify all adjoining property owners in writing so they will receive it at least ~~2~~ hours before burning is started.
- o) Take persons who are going to do the firing with local committee, or other group, when last inspection prior to burning is made, so they can get acquainted with topography, fuel types and other features of the area.

4. Actual Firing.

- a) Safety of crews is the most important factor in controlled burning and should never be neglected.
- b) Regardless of firing method - strip, center, areal or edge, or combinations of all - every man on fire should know definite plans and if possible should be designated on printed map.
- c) Fire boss, sector bosses, firing crews, suppression crews, should be located and shown on map of burn.
- d) General explanation of entire operation should be made to all participants prior to burning.
- e) Wind conditions and humidity should be taken into consideration on every burn.

5. Patrol and Mop-Up Action.

- a) All crews should help in general mop-up work.
 - b) Slow burning material should be pushed together for complete burning.
 - c) Fall burning snags that might throw sparks.
 - d) Fire out all unburned areas within control lines.
 - e) Inspect all areas that might hold fire for several days; also stumps, rotten logs, driftwood, etc.
 - f) Make area 20 to 100 yards inside fire line safe.
 - g) Fire boss, owner, or others should determine when fire is out.
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III
BY-LAWS
Mariposa Range Improvement Association

ARTICLE I.
PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purpose for which this association is formed and the powers which it may exercise are set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

ARTICLE II.
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. The business of the association shall be controlled by a board of directors of nine (9) regular members.

Section 2. Election. All directors shall be elected annually by ballot at the annual meeting of the members from the regular membership of the association, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified and have entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Section 3. Election of Officers. The board of directors shall meet within ten (10) days after each annual election and shall elect by ballot a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or a Secretary-Treasurer), each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor unless earlier removed by death, resignation, or by action of the board of directors. The president and vice-president only need be members of the board of directors. No director shall be entitled to receive any compensation from the association for services rendered to the association, other than actual expenses incurred in the performance of such duty with approval of directors.

Section 4. Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the board of directors, other than from the expiration of a term of office, the remaining directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular meeting of the members.

Section 5. Regular Meetings. In addition to the first meeting mentioned above, regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held at such times and at such places as the board may determine.

Section 6. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the board of directors shall be held whenever called by the president or by any two of the directors. Any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. Each call for a special meeting shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, addressed and delivered to the secretary, and shall state the time and place of such meeting.

Section 7. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of special meetings of the directors shall be mailed to each director at least five (5) days prior to the time of such meeting, or given to him personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting.

Section 8. Quorum. Three or more of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.

ARTICLE III.
DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Management of Business. The board of directors shall have general

supervision and control of the business and the affairs of the association and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws for the management of the business and the guidance of the officers, employees and agents of the association.

Section 2. Audits. At least once each year the board of directors shall secure the services of a competent and disinterested accountant or person who shall make a careful audit of the books and accounts of the association and render a report in writing thereon, which report shall be submitted to the members of the association at their annual meeting. This report shall include at least an itemized statement of all income and expenses for the period under review.

Section 3. Deposit of Funds. The board of directors shall have the power to select one or more banks to act as depositories of funds of the association and to determine the manner of receiving, depositing, and disbursing any funds of the association and the form of checks and the person or persons by whom the same shall be signed. The board shall also have the power to change such banks or persons signing such checks and the form thereof at will.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of President. The president shall (1) preside over all meetings of the association and of the board of directors; (2) call special meetings of the association and of the board of directors; (3) perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officers; and (4) sign all membership certificates and such other papers of the association as he may be authorized or directed to sign by the board of directors, provided, the board of directors may authorize any person to sign any or all checks, contracts, and other instruments in writing on behalf of the association. The president shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

Section 2. Duties of Vice-President. In the absence or disability of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president.

Section 3. Duties of Secretary. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the association and of the board of directors and shall have general charge and supervision of the books and records of the association. He shall sign all papers pertaining to the association as he may be authorized or directed to do by the board of directors. He shall serve all notices required by law and these by-laws and shall make a full report of all matters and business pertaining to his office to the members at the annual meeting. He shall keep a proper membership book, showing the name and address of each member of the association, dates of membership, record of payment of dues, record of surrender, cancellation or forfeiture of membership. He shall act as secretary of the executive committee. He shall make all reports required by law and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the association or the board of directors. Upon the election of his successor, the secretary shall turn over to him all books and other property belonging to the association that he may have in his possession.

Section 4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep a record of all association funds both dispersals and receipts and shall perform such other duties with respect to the finances of the association as may be prescribed by the board of directors.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Powers and Duties. The board of directors may in their discretion appoint from their own membership an executive committee of three (3) members,

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determine their tenure of office and their powers and duties. Said executive committee may act for the board of directors at their discretion; but at all times the executive committee is under the jurisdiction of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VI.
MEMBERS

Section 1. Qualifications. Any person may become a member of this association by meeting the following conditions:

Assent to these amended Constitution and By-Laws; adopt same and sign in witness thereof, or

Assent to these amended Constitution and By-Laws and sign in witness thereof on membership certificate.

Section 2. Membership. Membership in this association shall consist of regular and associate members.

Regular members shall be those who own or control as managers or tenants ranch property in Mariposa County south of the Merced River. Regular members will have power to vote.

Associate members will be all others and will not have power to vote.

Section 3. Membership Record. This association shall keep an accurate membership book and record of all members of the association, including dates when each member joins or withdraws from the association and other pertinent information about each member which the board may prescribe.

Section 4. Expulsion. If any member shall cease, fail, neglect, or refuse for any reason whatsoever to meet the requirements of membership in the association, then the board of directors may cancel his membership and expel him from membership in this association; and all of his rights and interests therein shall by that act be cancelled. Such action by the board of directors may be appealed to the general membership at any regular meeting of the members.

Section 5. Withdrawal. Any member may withdraw from the association if he advises the secretary of the association in writing.

Section 6. Assessments. Those persons desiring cooperation of the Mariposa Range Improvement Association in a controlled burn shall be assessed two cents (2¢) per acre for which application is made to control burn to the California State Division of Forestry. It shall be mandatory that payment of such assessment be made two weeks prior to date of controlled burn to the Mariposa Range Improvement Association. Such funds shall be used to accomplish purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.
MEETINGS

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this association shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of this association shall be held in the City of Mariposa, County of Mariposa, State of California on any day between the first day of January and the 28th day of February of each year, as designated by the board of directors.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members of the association may be called at any time by order of the board of directors, and shall be called at any time upon the written request of at least ten of the members. The request shall state the time, place and object of the meeting.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of meetings for every regular and special meeting of members shall be prepared and mailed to the last known post office address of each member not less than five (5) days before such meetings. Notice of meetings shall state the object or objects thereof and the time and place of meetings.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the association except for transaction of business concerning which a different quorum is specifically provided by law or by these by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII.
OPERATING AND FINANCE FUNDS

Section 1. The board of directors of the association by a majority vote may create and maintain a general fund.

ARTICLE IX.
PROPERTY RIGHTS

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of the association and liquidation of its affairs, the assets of the association shall be distributed in accordance with sound cooperative principles as set forth in the General Non-Profit Corporation Law, Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 1, Chapter 6 of the Corporations Code of the State of California.

ARTICLE X.
AMENDMENTS

If notice of the character of the amendment proposed has been given in the notice of a meeting, these by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members by the affirmative vote of three-fourths or more of the members present.

CONTROLLED BURN
NOTICE

_____, California
Date _____

Attention: _____

This is to notify you that a controlled burn for the purpose of removing brush will be conducted on _____ 195 on the property described as follows:

According to the latest records obtainable, you own and/or operate property adjoining or nearby the above described property. The controlled burn to be conducted on the above property will be operated in accordance with the laws of the State of California permitting controlled burns for the removal of brush.

This is a notice to you that this burn will be conducted on the above date.

If further information is desired, communicate with the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Owner and/or Operator

NOTICE

YOU ARE ENTERING AN AREA
TO BE CONTROL BURNED ON

DATE _____

APPLICANT PLEASE NOTE

Terms under which a permit is issued are described on back of this form. Please read before completing the form. A separate application must be submitted for each individual burn. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO BURN
(WILDLAND BURNING)

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Ranger Unit _____
Inspected on _____ 19____
Inspector _____
Permit _____
Date _____



NAME OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____
(If corporation, give home office, and names of officers) (If partnership, give names of partners)

MAILING ADDRESS _____ Tel. No. _____

1. For what purpose do you wish a burning permit?
(Check applicable block below):

- To clear land for range improvement and grazing of livestock.
- To improve land for wildlife and game habitat.
- To clear land for agricultural use (cultivation).
- To remove logging slash.
- To remove dead vegetation and fire hazards.
- Other (Explain): _____

2. Location of proposed burning is at/near _____

in Sec. _____ Twp. _____, R. _____, County of _____

3. Indicate on reverse side, in plat provided, a sketch of area to be burned, showing your ownership and that of adjoining properties. List here approximate acreage to be burned _____

4. List distance from proposed burn to each of the adjoining properties.

5. Will your burning be near structures, public recreational areas, summer camps, or habitation owned or operated by others? _____ If yes, please explain, giving distances, physical conditions of terrain, vegetation, prevailing winds in area, etc. _____
Yes—No

6. For what period of time do you wish authorization to burn?
_____ 19____ to _____ 19____

7. Do you have a copy of State fire law excerpts? _____
Yes—No

8. Have you conducted burning operations before in California? _____
Yes—No

If so, give date and location of last burn conducted. _____
Date County

9. Has any burning conducted by you escaped your control? _____ If
Yes—No

so, did it require any fire control agency to extinguish it? _____
Yes—No

If yes, please explain. _____

10. Is this to be a co-operative burn including lands of adjoining owners? _____

Yes—No If yes, give names and addresses of these owners.

11. Will you, as part of your "burning plan," furnish the names of all persons who will assist or are assisting you in doing the burning upon request of the agent of the State Forester? _____
Yes—No

12. Do you have cotenants occupying the property upon which the proposed burning will be conducted? _____ If yes, describe nature of cotenancy and give names and addresses: _____
Yes—No

13. What precautionary measures do you plan to prevent the fire from escaping control? (Proposed firebreaks, number of persons to be used, tools, equipment, and plan of managing fire, including time of starting and patrols, etc.)

14. Please indicate the date you would be able to inspect the area in company of a State Forest Officer: _____

The answers and statements given herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____

Title _____

(Owner—Manager—Superintendent)

When application is completed, return to

_____, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

SUGGESTED PRECAUTIONS FOR BURNING

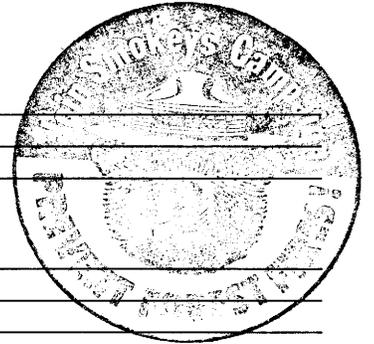
_____, whose address is _____
Name of applicant
having made application as of _____, 19____ to burn on lands owned or controlled by
Date of application
him, said lands being described as follows: _____

_____ and the lands so described having been inspected
by the applicant (or his agent), _____ in the
Name or names of applicants or agents
company of the undersigned representative of the State Forester on _____, 19____, the
following suggested precautions are herein made to prevent damage to the property of others:

These suggestions are to be considered the minimum precautions necessary to be taken by the permittee on his land to prevent damage to the property of others under average weather conditions for the period during which this burning operation is scheduled to take place. The permittee is cautioned that it is his responsibility to take any additional precautions that the judgment of a prudent man would dictate under the specific circumstances and conditions that exist at the exact time of the burning operation.

It is suggested that the following precautions be taken before burning is started:

1. Advance preparation of area, firebreaks, snag removal, etc.



2. Notification of neighbors, cotenants, and others.

3. Weather (wind, temperature, humidity) conditions which should be observed before starting fire.

It is suggested that the following precautions be taken at the time of starting, during, and after the burning:

1. Fire fighting equipment and personnel desirable to be on hand at time of starting fire.

2. Patrol, mop-up of fire lines and other matters.

These "Suggested Precautions" are attached to and

made a part of Burning Permit No. _____

Dated _____, 19____

STATE FORESTER

By _____, Agent

Title _____

Date _____, 19____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY

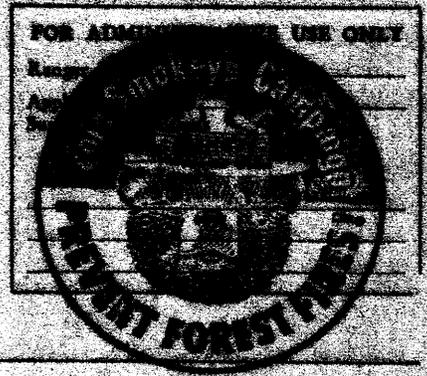
FORM W NO B 2182

WIDELAND BURNING PERMIT

(Pub. Res. Code Secs. 4133, 4220-4223)

PERMITTEE PLEASE NOTE

The reverse side of this permit contains information on the laws and rules relating to the use of fire. Permittee should be familiar with such laws and rules before the start of any burning.



NAME _____

Mailing Address _____

is hereby permitted to burn _____
on land at/near _____
R. _____
period _____

1. This permit is valid only if the burning is controlled by the permittee.
2. The permittee shall comply with all fire laws and regulations.
3. No burning shall be undertaken unless weather conditions (particularly the wind) are such that they can reasonably be considered safe.
4. This permit is not valid unless the weather conditions are such that they can reasonably be considered safe.
5. The permittee shall notify the adjoining property owners and occupants of his intention to burn and the day such burning will take place not less than 2 days prior to the start of such burning, except that tenants having rights or facilities in the property to be burned shall be notified not less than 11 days prior to the start of any burning.
6. Commensurate with the amount of area to be burned, the permittee shall maintain cleared firebreaks of sufficient width to prevent fire from escaping control, shall provide at the scene of the fire a sufficient number of fully equipped adult persons equipped with adequate fire fighting tools and equipment to be available at all times to control the burning.
7. Not less than 24 hours before burning is started, the permittee shall notify the forest fire station (item 11) of the time the fire will be started, the amount of burning to be done, and the location of the burning.
8. Upon completion of the burning, the permittee shall notify the forest fire station (item 11) immediately after the fire is extinguished and the hot spots have been checked and extinguished.
9. This permit does not relieve the permittee of any duty to use reasonable and ordinary care to prevent damage to the property of others or injury to persons.
10. This permit is not transferable or assignable and does not survive to an heir.
11. The permittee shall file the permit with the forest fire station (item 11) at the time the fire is started.

SUGGESTED PRECAUTIONS FOR BURNING: When this permit is issued, the following suggested precautions for burning are attached to the form and incorporated herein by reference.

NOTE TO PERMITTEE: PLEASE READ THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PERMIT FOR CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE LAWS AND RULES RELATING TO FIRE.

I have read and understand the terms of this permit. _____

Signed _____ Forester

Mailing Address _____
by _____, Agent

Telephone _____ Title _____

Issuing Office _____ Telephone _____

THIS SPACE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Issuing agency notified by _____ A.M. _____
that burning would be started at _____ P.M. on _____
day of _____ 19____ persons employed to
guard fire, and burning will continue until approximately _____
19____. Notice received and logged in Dispatcher's office by _____