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## **CAL FIRE BURN PERMITS REQUIRED MAY 1, 2014**

**FORTUNA** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Humboldt - Del Norte Unit would like to remind residents that May 1<sup>st</sup> marks the official beginning of Wildfire Season. A CAL FIRE burn permit (LE5) is now required for Non-Standard burn permit holders beginning May 1, 2014.

Humboldt – Del Norte Unit Chief Tom Hein wants to emphasize to the public the importance of following all burning regulations and ensuring controlled burns do not escape and become wildland fires. Chief Hein says “the public living in wildland areas should prepare for increased wildfire activity this year due to the drier than normal conditions in California.” The current fuel conditions and potential for increased fire activity will likely result in an earlier burn suspension. Residents are encouraged to conduct their burning early. Learn more how you can prepare for wildfire by visiting [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org).

To obtain the required CAL FIRE burn permit, contact the nearest CAL FIRE office for an application. LE5 permit applications may require an on-site visit by CAL FIRE personnel to determine if specific precautions need to be included in the permit to conduct a safe burn. North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District burn permits can be obtained on-line at [ncuaqmd.org](http://ncuaqmd.org) or by calling (707) 443-3093. For burn day status call (707) 443-7668 or (866) 287-6329.

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