

# CDF NEWS RELEASE

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## Red Flag Warning

**Sacramento** – The National Weather Service has notified the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) of Red Flag weather conditions in the Sierra Nevada and foothills that could result in dry lightning caused wildfires for the next 24 hours. The CDF is now moving firefighting resources toward those areas which are considered most threatened.

Thunderstorms which may contain dry lightning are predicted in the foothills and high country of the Sierra Nevada from approximately Bakersfield north to Alturas.

Red Flag Warnings indicate an increased state of response readiness for the fire service. CDF may increase dispatch levels, cancel days off, move firefighting resources and cancel burn permits in response to the red flag conditions.

Additionally, CDF reaches out to the public and asks for extra vigilance in terms of fire safety. Everyone is asked to be especially careful with fire and to keep watch for arsonists or others being careless with fire. Anyone living in the area of a Red Flag Warning should watch out for wildfires and be prepared to evacuate if necessary.

Although typically lightning accounts for less than 5% of the CDF's wildfires every year, lightning caused fires are especially troublesome because several can occur at once and often during turbulent, windy conditions.

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