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# CDF NEWS RELEASE

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## CDF Begins the Transition Out of Fire Season

### **Northern California Units Releasing Seasonal Firefighters** **Earliest Closure since 1989**

**Sacramento-** Recent rain storms and more on the way have allowed the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) to begin the transition out of fire season status in Northern California. By 8 a.m. next Monday, October 25, 2004, all CDF Units north of Fresno in the Valley, and north of Monterey on the Coast will be out of fire season status. The CDF Units in Southern California will remain on fire season until further notice.

Ending fire season means releasing seasonal firefighters and reducing operating hours in some CDF facilities. Some airtankers will enter winter maintenance. "Many of our Northern California Units are funded for fire season status through November 15," said Rich Green CDF Assistant Chief for Fire Protection. "The early closing of fire season will save the State money. This is the earliest closure for the Northern and Central State since 1989."

The National Weather Service has advised CDF management that the recent soaking rains will be followed by at least two more significant storms in the next several days in Northern California, thus lessening the threat of wildfire.

CDF provides some level of fire protection throughout the state. In many locations CDF provides full service emergency response such as structure fire protection, medical aid, Jaws of Life extrication and hazardous material response. CDF will continue to provide such services year round in those locations.

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