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CDF Ready For Fire Season

Sacramento – Ten units of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) declared Fire Season today, Monday, May 30, 2005. The term “fire season” for CDF is simply a state of readiness. Management decisions are made by unit chiefs who respond to local conditions by hiring seasonal firefighters, staffing facilities 24 hours per day, increasing dispatch capabilities or canceling burn permits.

“Temperatures are rising, vegetation is drying out, and summer weather patterns have begun,” said CDF Director Dale T. Geldert. “CDF is once again preparing to battle California wildfires.”

The following Southern Region administrative units have declared fire season: San Diego; San Bernardino; Riverside; San Luis Obispo; Tulare; Madera-Mariposa-Merced; Fresno-Kings; San Benito-Monterey; Amador-El Dorado; and Tuolumne-Calaveras. “We never know what a fire season may bring but the last several years demonstrate the tremendous potential of wildfire in California,” said Director Geldert.

“Each year we see disasters that could have been prevented,” said Jim Wright, CDF Deputy Director for Fire Protection. “I cannot stress enough that now is the time for all California residents to take action. Create defensible space around your homes, become involved in your local Fire Safe Council, and be extra careful when recreating in our wildlands this summer.”

Contact your nearest CDF facility or visit the CDF website at www.fire.ca.gov for more information on fire safety.

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