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CAL FIRE Begins Fire Season

Susanville - The Lassen-Modoc-Plumas Unit of CAL FIRE officially declared the opening of wildfire season Monday, June 6th. This announcement is made each year to remind residents that as the weather warms, fire risks increase.

CAL FIRE began staffing fire stations on June 6th and anticipates full staffing by July 11th. Though fire restrictions are not currently in effect, residents need to be safe with fire and pay attention to conditions that will begin drying out as we move into the summer months. Permits for outdoor burning have been required since May 1st. Those permits will be suspended on July 1st which is just around the corner.

CAL FIRE encourages residents to continue working to create 100' of defensible space around their homes. Defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs and any wildland areas that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and for the protection of firefighters defending your home.

Start with the following steps to help keep your home safe: remove all dead or dying plants within 30 feet of your home. Remove dead leaves and pine needles from roof and rain gutters. Trim trees so branches are a minimum of 10 feet from other trees. Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows. Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches. Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.

Additional safety steps and information on how to improve the survivability of your home during a wildfire can be found at www.ReadyforWildfire.org.