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CDF ENDS FIRE SEASON THROUGHOUT MOST OF STATE

SACRAMENTO -- CDF is officially declaring the end of fire season throughout most of the state -- except for some Southern California counties -- on Monday, November 14. Although cool weather has helped reduce the fire threat in most of California, CDF will maintain and staff an appropriate level of fire protection resources statewide and year-round fire protection staffing levels in San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties.

“We recognize that fires can start any time of year in Southern California and we will continue to be prepared to respond with the appropriate staff,” said CDF Fire Protection Chief Jim Wright. “These strategic changes will allow us to deliver comprehensive and aggressive fire protection to the people of Southern California.” The year-round fire protection staffing levels approved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s budget in July provide elevated fire preparedness for CDF in San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties.

The wet, winter weather has allowed CDF to release seasonal firefighters and cut back on the number of fire engines staffed around the clock. However CDF is prepared to increase staff when fire weather conditions dictate and will re-activate additional fire fighting resources and firefighters whenever the potential for wildfire increases. CDF is the State of California’s full service fire department and continues to provide emergency response services in the majority of California throughout the year. For more information about CDF and Fire Season 2005 visit the CDF website at www.fire.ca.gov.

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