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Open Burning Seasons End for Range Management, Forest Management and Marsh Management (Smoke Management Plans)

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District will end the permissible burn season for Range, Forest and Marsh Management within the Bay Area effective Sunday, April 30, 2006.

Range management fires are set to remove unwanted vegetation from open lands where animals graze and feed. .Forest Management fires are set to remove forest debris or to fulfill other forest management objectives,

Marsh management fires can only take place on a burn day as determined by the Air District. Air District meteorologists forecast Burn/No Burn days by 3 PM for the following day. The information is recorded on the Air District's toll-free number – 1 800 HELP-AIR (1 800 435-7247). The Air District's open burning regulation (Regulation 5) can be downloaded at www.baaqmd.gov. Follow the link to regulations.

For additional information about range, forest and marsh burning requirements in the Air District, please call Janet Simon, Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4780.