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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- PRESCRIBED BURN BRIEFING INFORMATION -

LOS ALAMOS, Ca. November 9, 2009– The Santa Barbara County Fire Department has issued a permit to The Santa Barbara County Range Improvement Association (RIA) to conduct a prescribed burn of approximately 430 acres. The 430 acres will be burned in 4 to 6 smaller burns of 100 acres or more. The first burn is scheduled to begin on **November 10th at approximately 0900 hours**. The project is located on the Bar-M Ranch approximately 2 miles south of the town of Los Alamos. The RIA and will be conducting the burn. Smoke will be visible from US Highway 101 and some parts of northern Santa Barbara County. This Project is part of a fuels management process and will benefit the local watershed, wildlife, and livestock grazing areas.

The Santa Barbara County Fire Department has coordinated and assisted the Range Improvement Association for many years with these types of projects. These burns offer many training opportunities to Fire Department personnel and help develop positive working relationships with members of our communities.

The County Fire Department will provide the following equipment:

- Two Type 3 Brush Engines
- One Hand Crew
- One Battalion Chief
- Two Vegetation Management Officers

The Range Improvement Association will provide the following equipment:

- Two Pumpers
- One Diesel Torch
- One Dozer

The vegetation to be burned consists of annual grasses and light to medium fuels such as Coyote Brush and Button Sage. No Oak Trees are involved in the burn project. The current fuel moisture content is 70% in the live fuel and 9% in the dead fuel.

The weather forecast for tomorrow in the burn area is predicted as sunny, 73 to 78 degrees with 26 to 34% relative humidity. Variable winds out of the north/northwest range from 3 to 6 mph in the morning hours to 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

The prescribed burn has primary and contingency control lines in place that were created by dozers and graders. Tomorrow's burn is surrounded by ranch roads.

An Incident Action Plan (IAP) containing contingency plans has been developed specifically for this project and a plans meeting and safety briefing will be conducted prior to the start of burning operations.

The burn is expected to be extinguished by 6pm.

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