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PRESS RELEASE

PREScribed BURN SCHEDULED AT LAKE PERRIS AND LAKE MATHEWS

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PERRIS, CA- On June 11th and June 12th, 2025, CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Department, in cooperation with California State Parks, will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn at Lake Perris.

In addition, on June 11th and June 12th, CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire Department, in cooperation with Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency and Metropolitan Water District, will be conducting a vegetation management prescribed burn at Lake Mathews.

The prescribed burns accomplish the goal of rehabilitating the burrowing owl and Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) habitat through eradication of invasive, non-native grasses and weed species. This allows mammal species to find food and make homes. Through a collaboration of agencies, along with previous year's successful prescribed burns and goals, the SKR has been down-listed from "endangered" to "threatened".

Drift smoke may be visible from nearby communities but will disperse quickly and is not expected to be a health hazard. Burning operations typically begin after 6:00 A.M. and conclude by 1:00 P.M. the same day. The burning operation will only occur on permissive burn days as determined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

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