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LIVE FIRE CLASSES TO BE CONDUCTED

PERRIS, CA – On Tuesday, May 11, Wednesday, May 12, and Thursday, May 13, 2021, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department in cooperation with California State Parks and Riverside County, will be conducting live fire classes and vegetation management burns at Lake Perris and Lake Mathews.

The burns are part of CAL FIRE's operational management and company officer training and accomplishes the goal of rehabilitating burrowing owl and Kangaroo Rat habitat through eradication of invasive non-native grasses and weed species.

The scheduled dates are dictated by favorable weather conditions. A total of 5-10 acres will be burned at Lake Mathews each day and approximately 125 acres will be burned at Lake Perris on Wednesday and Thursday. 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 noon 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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