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CAL FIRE SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT

Unit Chief
John Owens

April 24th, 2026

SUSPENSION OF BURN PERMITS AND OTHER USES OF OPEN FIRE

PROCLAMATION: EFFECTIVE MAY 4TH, 2026

San Luis Obispo, CA – Due to the extreme menace of destruction by fire to life, improved property, or natural resources caused by critical fire weather and acute dryness of vegetation; and fire suppression forces being heavily committed to control fires; and, under authority vested in me by the Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) as per section **4423.1** of the Public Resources Code, I hereby suspend, except within the incorporated cities, the privileges of burning by permit and other uses of open fire in the geographic area described as:

ALL STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREA LANDS WITHIN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

Campfires within organized campgrounds or on private property that are otherwise permitted will be allowed if the campfire is maintained in such a manner as to prevent its spread to the wildland.

In accordance with section **4423.2** of the Public Resources Code, state rangers or other authorized agents of the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) may issue restricted temporary burning permits whenever it can be shown that burning or use of open fire is essential for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare.

This order shall become effective at **0800 on May 4th, 2026**, and remain in effect until I formally terminate this proclamation.

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