

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### UPDATE

## Soquel Demonstration State Forest Pile Burning Operation Postponed

**Update** – Due to unfavorable weather conditions which could lead to unfavorable local smoke impacts, the pile burning operation that was set to take place in Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF) in December 2024 has been postponed. Weather conditions will continually be reassessed, and the pile burning operation could resume as early as January 2025. Once a new date has been set, the public will be notified. Please read more information below in the news release that was distributed on November 26, 2024.

**Soquel** – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF) will begin pile burning operations at prepared locations on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Pile burning is expected to take 2 to 3 weeks. Smoke may be visible to those in the hills to the north of SDSF which is not a cause for alarm and does not need to be reported.

This pile burning project is the latest in a series of Forest Health Treatments being conducted in SDSF with the goal of reducing fuel loading and increasing forest health by thinning vegetation and removing dead and downed trees. Over the last 2-years, crews have successfully treated more than 150-acres with piling and burning.

Information updates will be posted at:

- The **SDSF Webpage** at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Natural-Resource-Management/Demonstration-State-Forests/Soquel-Demonstration-State-Forest>
- CAL FIRE CZU on X [@CALFIRECZU](#)
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