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Soquel Demonstration State Forest to Conduct Pile Burning

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 3rd, 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>
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