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Pile Burning – Jug Handle State Natural Reserve

CA State Parks will be burning gorse piles in an air curtain burner at Jug Handle State Natural Reserve. The Reserve is located on Hwy 1 just north of the town of Caspar and about 5 miles south of Fort Bragg. The curtain burner is a large metal box fitted with a fan to burn wood and brush at extremely high temperatures in order to reduce smoke.

Beginning Monday, October 13, 2008 burning may occur intermittently over the next 4 weeks Monday - Friday and may continue into the evening.

Last year CA State Parks removed approximately 12 acres of gorse. The plant material was left in piles to be burned. Gorse is an exotic invasive species and is flammable.

CA State Parks will post the area and advise local residences. Safety measures will be implemented.

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