

# **PUBLIC NOTICE: PRESCRIBED BURNS SCHEDULED**

## ***Firefighters to conduct pile burning on Jan 21 and Jan 23***

### **MEDIA ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Ventura County Prescribed Burn Association (VCPBA) plans to conduct pile burning in Upper Ojai at 12123 Mountain Lion Rd, Ojai, CA 93023. Pile burning will be conducted on **January 21, 2026**, and on **January 23, 2026**. The burn will occur **between 7:30 am to 5pm both days**, and smoke may be visible during this time.

Prescribed Burn Associations (PBAs) are community based, mutual aid networks that help private landowners put “good fire” back on the land. PBAs across California have increased the capacity for communities to do more prescribed fire for ecological, cultural, and safety reasons.

The objectives for this burn are to:

- Reduce deadwood left-over from the 2017 Thomas Fire.
- Fire-harden coast live oak trees to promote their existence into the future by increasing their fire resiliency.
- Create defensible space for nearby community.

Depending on specific weather conditions that day, residents in the area may see smoke, however VCPBA fire resources will be on scene to conduct the burn, monitor its progress, and provide oversight of all activities. VCAPCD staff have reviewed the Smoke Management Plans for these burns and provided conditions to minimize smoke impacts in Ventura County. VCAPCD and VCFD are both the agencies permitting these burns.

The VCPBA hopes nearby homes and property owners will consider any inconvenience to be an investment in their safety and the safety of their community. This type of training and preparation better prepares firefighters and property owners for wildfire season. Please pardon any inconvenience these burns may cause. For additional information please call VCRCD 805-764-5135 or email: [kevin.mason@vcrccd.org](mailto:kevin.mason@vcrccd.org).

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