



PRESS RELEASE
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The spring 2020 seasonal open burning period for the East Fork Fire Protection District will end on Sunday April 12th, as listed on the permit. East Fork Fire understands the importance of vegetation mitigation and management on properties and appreciates the efforts the community has made already. Though we are experiencing some cooler weather and an increase in moisture, East Fork Fire has also already experienced a significant fire this month, as a result of a previous burn that was blown back to life under heavy wind conditions after being thought to be fully extinguished. We will also be seeing an increase in above average temperatures next week. This will cause fuels to dry out quicker and could increase the spread of a fire.

East Fork Fire Protection District's COVID-19 response has also weighed in our decision to close burn season on the date we had originally selected. Burn season creates an increased call volume for East Fork Fire, whether it is for illegal burn calls or burns that unfortunately spread out of control sometimes. We want to ensure we can safely and adequately respond to every call for service during this especially challenging time for everyone in our community. The District encourages you to continue to be vigilant with vegetation mitigation and management throughout the spring and summer. Your continued participation in maintaining the vegetation on your property can help lessen the effects of a wildland fire near or around your home.

Please check back with us in the fall regarding the fall open burn period.

For additional information, please contact the East Fork Fire Protection District at 775/782-9040

Thank you in advance for your ongoing cooperation in fire safety and for understanding our position.

Please remember, to *"Stay Home For Nevada."* Working Together we will get through this challenge and emerge stronger and more resilient.