



Stanislaus National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

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## Prescribed Burn Near Arnold Scheduled for May

**SONORA, CALIF.** (May 5, 2022) – Personal and equipment from the Calaveras Ranger District will conduct prescribed fire operations near the town of Arnold, California throughout the month of May and into the middle of June. The burn area will fall within the O’Manuel area of the Irish-O’Manuel Burn Area, units 17, 19, 21 (Map).

Burning is contingent on weather, fuel moisture, and air quality. All burning is monitored and conducted in accordance with state and county air quality guidelines. And closely coordinated with local county air quality control districts. Up to 154 acres can be treated with low-intensity fire. Daily area burnt will vary based on environmental conditions and smoke production.

Characterized as an understory burn - a prescribed fire ignited under the forest canopy that focuses on the consumption of surface fuels but not the overstory vegetation - prescribed low-intensity fires enhances wildlife habitat, protects and maintains water quality and soil productivity, improves forest ecosystem health, and reduces the threat of uncontrolled conflagrations. The Sierra Nevada is a fire dependent ecosystem, where fire is a critical part of the natural forest process and helps to maintain resilient forests.

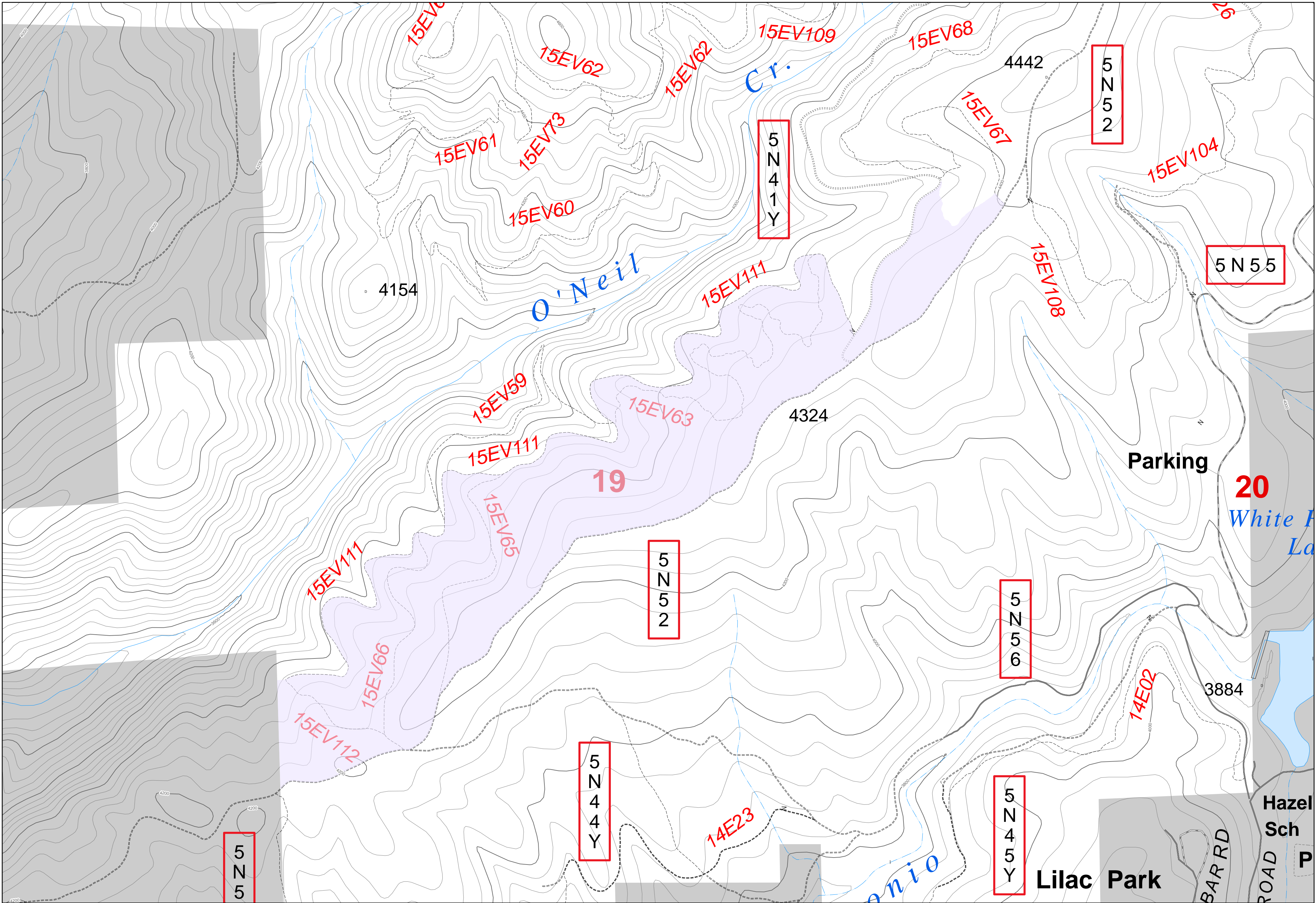
Smoke may be visible from Hwy. 4. Fire managers are working closely with local air districts and the California Air Resources Board to mitigate the effects of smoke on the public.

Please do not report as a wildland fire.

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# 2022 Irish/O'Manuel Understory 155



Legend  
Irish/O'Manuel AA units 102-103

