



# NEWS RELEASE

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### High fire danger along roadsides

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2, CAL FIRE and The California Highway Patrol warn motorists of the high fire conditions along roadsides. The extremely dry vegetation makes it easy to ignite roadside fires.

Motorists are encouraged to follow these fire prevention guidelines:

- Keep your car in sound mechanical condition, assuring there are no parts hanging or dragging underneath the vehicle that may cause sparks. This is the number one cause of roadside fires.
- Do not throw burning cigarettes or matches from a moving vehicle.
- When towing a trailer, ensure that the safety chains are properly installed and not dragging on the roadway.
- Do not pull off the roadway into high grasses; hot catalytic converters can ignite the dry grass.

Caltrans reminds motorists in the event of a fire incident the roadway may be closed due to the proximity of the fire, low visibility due to smoke and/or the need for emergency vehicles to occupy the roadway. To report fires please call 911.

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