

## INTRODUCTION

9011

(No. 1, 1987)

The red flag alert program utilizes available CDF forces, cooperating fire agencies, citizen groups, and the news media to inform the public of the high fire danger, the potential for a major wildfire, and the need to be aware of and exercise firesafe practices during these periods. The red flag alert program is designed to reduce suppression costs and lessen damage and loss to California's watersheds, resources, life, and property.

This program is designed to prevent large and damaging fires that can occur during the following conditions:

- Red flag weather conditions as predicted by the National Fire Weather Service.
- When red flag indices reach or exceed local plan levels.
- When suppression and prevention force availability is severely depleted due to emergency activity and other incidents.
- When other unusual circumstances dictate the need to implement red flag activities.

**FORMS AND/OR FORMS SAMPLES: RETURN TO CDF LIBRARY HOME PAGE FOR FORMS/FORMS SAMPLES SITE LINK.**

[\(see next section\)](#)

[\(see Table of Contents\)](#)