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## San Mateo & Santa Cruz Unit

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### **End of Fire Season in San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit**

**Felton** – On Monday November 7th, 2011, CAL FIRE’s (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) San Mateo & Santa Cruz Unit (CZU) will declare an end to the 2011 fire season and reduce seasonal staffing.

This season, resources from this Unit responded to 724 wildland and other fires within the two counties’ State Responsibility Area. 100% of the wildland fires were kept to less than 10 acres due to aggressive firefighting, cooperative responses from other fire agencies, and sufficient defensible space. Unit Chief John Ferreira encourages residents to maintain at least 100’ of defensible space around their homes and other structures, even during the rainy season, as winds can quickly dry fuels and increase fire danger.

CAL FIRE will continue to staff engines in both counties as a part of cooperative agreements for professional, all-risk, year-round emergency services.

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