



# FORT ORD ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK

Helping Communities Near Fort Ord since 1995



## More Burning at Fort Ord?



**What is the Army planning?**

**Will they relocate residents who are unable to escape the health effects of the burns?**

**Where will the burns be conducted and how many acres are intended to be burned?**

**What safety provisions are in place for you and your family?**

## Attend the upcoming Community Involvement Workshop.

### Tell the Army what you think.

#### When

April 8, 2009

6:30pm

#### Where

Holiday Inn Express

198 Seaside Circle, Marina CA

#### What

An opportunity to speak directly with officials from the US Army, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the upcoming season of prescribed burns at Fort Ord

Prescribed burning at Ford Ord is conducted annually by the US Army to clear shrubs. The Army uses the burns as a method to detect and remove explosives that were used in training when the base was in use.



*Smoke seen from space after the Army's 2003 burn that went out of control*

### The community's concerns

- Prescribed burning at Fort Ord releases toxic chemicals into the air that you breathe. Some of these toxins include lead, which is known to cause developmental defects in children.
- These fires are not guaranteed to burn exactly as planned. In fact, in 2003, the Army set a fire which quickly blazed out of control and burned 1500 acres not included in the designated area.
- Citizens in your neighborhood have complained in previous years that the smoke entered their neighborhoods, causing eye and throat irritation.

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