

Large LandOwner Burns in Sierra Valley

In the Sierra Valley, there are several ranchers/farmers that own up to a square mile of land or more. Fortunately for us, the crops they grow do not require burning. Most, if not all, grow hay. I do not recollect giving an air pollution permit out for ag burning in this portion of Sierra Valley.

The Forest Service does have land to the south. Their burning in the past 5 years has been limited to the Calpine area, where 250 acres have been burned. Several hundred more were burned in the 89 corridor south of Sierraville. The closest burning to Loyalton was done as recently as early November, 2009, where they burned 220 acres of underburning at T20N, R16E Sect 24, 25, 30. This is 7 to 8 air miles south of town. The smoke never made it close to affecting Loyalton.

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