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**National Park Services Announces a No-Burn Season to begin at Ocean Beach
Nov. 1, 2016**

Weather Update:

Oct. 27 National Park Service Media Event at Ocean Beach Moved to Fire Pits at Stairwell 15. Park rangers will light a last symbolic fire of the season before No-Burn Season begins Nov. 1.

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT:

Media Availability with the National Park Service as NO-BURN SEASON set to begin at Ocean Beach. *Because of the likelihood of rain, the larger event with SF Fire and the Sunset Co-Op Nursery School has been cancelled.*

WHEN:

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016
10:30AM - 11AM

WHERE:

Ocean Beach fire pits between stairwell 15 and 20

VISUALS:

Park ranger interviews available beside a symbolic last fire of the season

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WHY:

November 1 marks the beginning of the first NO-BURN season at Ocean Beach in Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Recreational beach fires will be prohibited at Ocean Beach through the end of February.

GGNRA's No-Burn season coincides with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's winter Spare the Air season when particulate matter pollution from wood burning and other sources can reach unhealthy

levels in the Bay Area. In addition to air quality, the four-month rest will allow GGNRA to remove the Ocean Beach fire pits for a thorough cleaning of both the pits and the beach.

The No-Burn season was created as part of the Ocean Beach Fire Program, which went into effect April 1, 2016, after a period of public review and comment. The Ocean Beach Fire Program has 12 key elements to achieve a safe, manageable, sustainable program for recreational fires at Ocean Beach.

In addition to the No-Burn season, the program includes the addition of four fire pits to the beach (bringing the total to 16 for use during the burn season), as well as a volunteer and outreach program to help spread the word about burning responsibly. For more information about the Ocean Beach Fire Program, visit <https://www.nps.gov/goga/learn/management/OBfireprogram.htm>

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