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Multi-Agency Response Stops Series of Vegetation Fires Along SR-76 and I-15

On May 2, 2026, at approximately 11:29, North County Fire Protection District was dispatched to multiple vegetation fires burning along the roadway near State Route 76 and the northbound I-15 Freeway.

Through a tremendous and highly coordinated effort among responding agencies, crews successfully contained **26 separate fires** that burned across approximately **12 miles**, totaling **20 acres**, from Bonsall to Rainbow. Thanks to the aggressive and unified response, firefighters were able to stop the forward rate of spread by approximately **2:30 p.m.**, preventing further impact to surrounding communities.

North County Fire Protection District extends its sincere gratitude to our regional partners for their rapid response, professionalism, and teamwork:

- CAL FIRE San Diego
- Oceanside Fire Department
- Vista Fire Department
- Carlsbad Fire Department
- Pauma Fire Department
- Rincon Fire Department
- San Marcos Fire Department
- Escondido Fire Department
- Camp Pendleton Fire Department
- Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District

Today's outcome is a direct reflection of the strength of our mutual and automatic aid system, as well as the dedication of the men and women who serve our communities.

The cause of the fires is currently under investigation.



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