

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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### CAL FIRE CZU Responds to Structure, Vegetation Fire in Aptos

**Aptos** – Crews with CAL FIRE CZU responded to reports of an early morning explosion on Fern Flat Road near Aptos. The reporting party reported hearing an explosion, then seeing sparks and smoke around 4:20am Tuesday.

Several engines and multiple fire personnel responded and fought fire in an outbuilding, which spread to a quarter of an acre of vegetation. The location was accessible only by 4-wheel drive, and the dirt road location did not have an address.

Once flames were extinguished, fire investigators found evidence of a cannabis operation. The cause is still under investigation. There were no injuries. Investigators did not find anyone at the property, but it appears someone lives on site.

Due to wet morning conditions, the fire did not spread quickly. If this had occurred during the daytime hours, this fire could have been much worse.

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