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From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor

On August 17, 2013, the Rim Fire started along Jawbone Ridge on the Groveland Ranger District near the confluence of the Clavey River and Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River in Tuolumne County. The Rim Fire ultimately burned 256,428 acres (400 square miles) and although it is fully contained recovery work is ongoing and many dangers are still present. Crews are working to repair roads and safety barriers. Tree snags and unstable soils in the burned area make it unsafe for public use. Salvage timber harvesting will commence on a large scale and workers and heavy equipment will be using the roads and trails in the closure area causing congestion in some areas and potentially hazardous conditions.

As a result, I have decided to close public access to the Rim Fire area except for areas open as defined within Rim Fire Closure Order 2014-01 Exhibits A, B and C. The Burned Area Emergency Response Team outlined parameters in the Rim Fire Recovery Plan that must be met in order to open an area for public use. These parameters have been met in the excepted areas listed on Appendix C. This order will be in effect until November 18, 2014. This Forest Order STF 2014-01 replaces the previous Forest Order STF 2013-15.

Scoping determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. The following organizations were included in scoping efforts: City and County of San Francisco – Camp Mather, Tuolumne River Shuttles, Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Outfitters, Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these prohibitions.

This order includes an exemption for persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. We have recently received requests for access to the closed area from members of the public. The criteria for granting written authorization for access to the Rim Fire Closure Area will be as follows:

1. The applicant must provide a reasonable explanation for the need to access the closed area,
2. The applicant must possess personal protective equipment appropriate for the dangers present in the area to which access is requested,



3. The applicant must understand and accept the risk of entering the closed area,
4. I or my delegate must determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request.

Written authorization may allow access to only a circumscribed portion of the closed area. If I am unavailable at the time a request is received, I hereby grant the Groveland District Ranger and the Miwok District Ranger, or, in their absence, their designated acting, the authority to sign any and all written authorizations for entry into the closed area.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

cc: Stanislaus LEI Patrol Captain, Heidi Rieck or Acting designee



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Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Groveland and Mi-Wok Ranger Districts of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from April 15, 2014 through November 18, 2014.

1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System lands within the Rim Fire Closure Area as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B, except the Developed Recreation Sites, Recreation Residence Tracts, Organizational Camps and Resorts and segment of the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River in Exhibit C. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Rim Fire Closure Area, as shown on the attached map Exhibit A, except on the roads shown on Exhibit C. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Rim Fire Closure Area except those listed in Exhibit C. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence in one of the Recreation Residence Tracts listed on Exhibit C, are exempt from Prohibitions 1 and 2 while accessing their recreation residence, provided that the activity is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.
4. Persons attending an Organizational Camp or Resort listed on Exhibit C are exempted from Prohibitions 1 and 2 while accessing their Organizational Camp or Resort.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Sonora California, this 14th day of April, 2014.



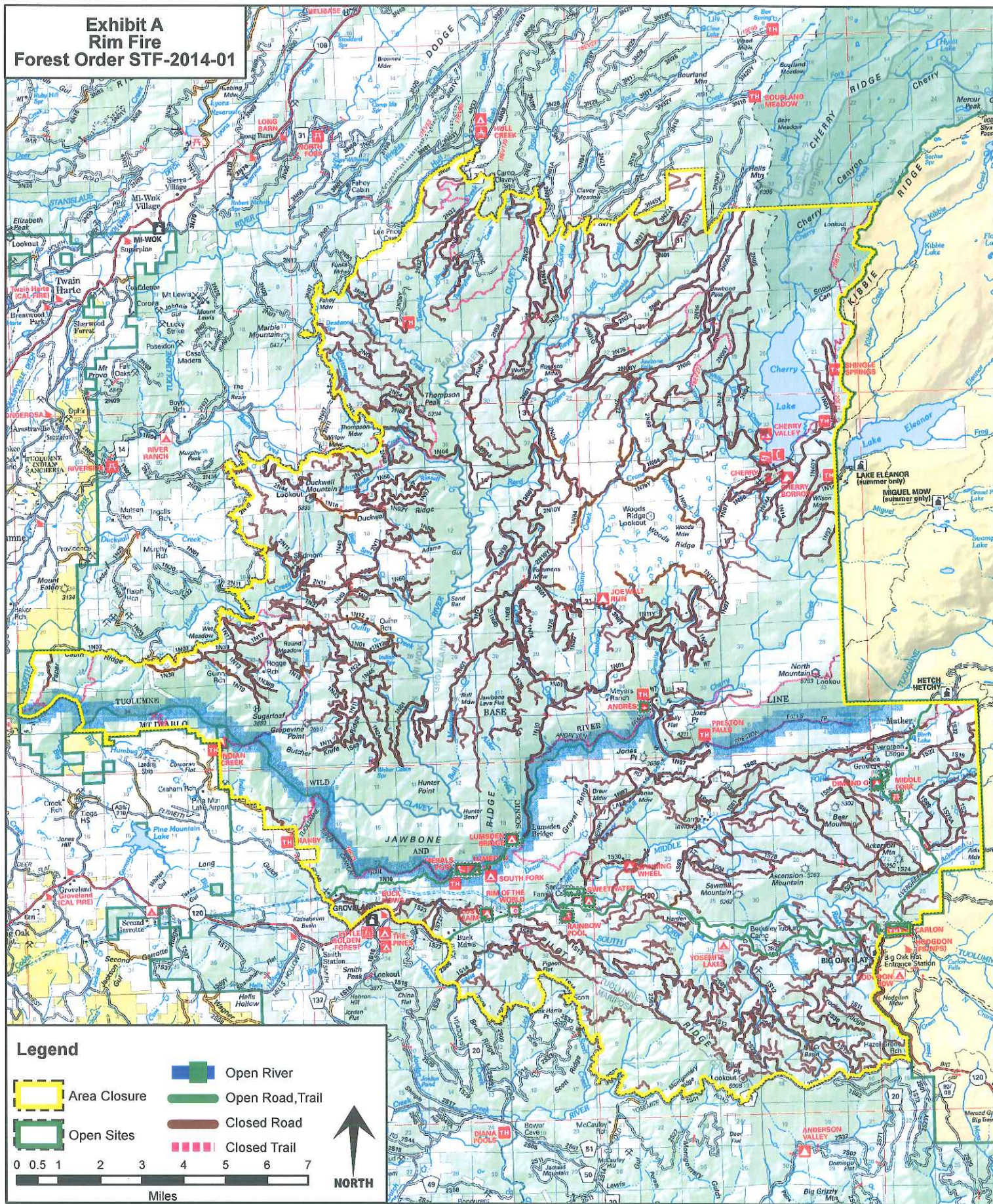
SUSAN SKALSKI

Forest Supervisor

Stanislaus National Forest

This Order supersedes Order No. STF 2013-15, dated November 19, 2013.

Exhibit A
Rim Fire
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Exhibit B



The Rim Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the east end of Carlon Picnic Area at the boundary line between the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park, then continues north along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the northern section line of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 19 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the northern section lines of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Township 2 North, Range 19 East, to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N01, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N01 to its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, then continues north along the eastern section line of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with the northern section line of 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East, then continues west along the northern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East, then continues south along the western section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N45Y, then continues southwest then northeast along Forest Road No. 3N45Y to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N27, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N27 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N21, then continues southwest on Forest Road No. 3N21 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N71, then continues west along Forest Road No. 2N71 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N16, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N16 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N01, then continues northwest along Forest Road No. 3N01 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N09, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N09 to its intersection with Hull Creek, then continues southwest along the south shore of Hull Creek to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N86, then continues west along Forest Road No. 3N86 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N07, then continues south along Forest Road No. 3N07 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N13, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2N13 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1N04, then continues west along Forest Road No. 1N04 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N10, then continues south along Forest Road No. 2N10 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N11, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 2N11 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1N01, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 1N01 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1N02, then continues west along Forest Road No. 1N02 to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues west along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the North Fork of the Tuolumne River, then continues southwest along the south shore of the North Fork of the Tuolumne River to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues south along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the Tuolumne River, then continues southeast along north shore of the Tuolumne River to its intersection with Big Creek, then continues southwest along the east shore of Big Creek to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues southeast along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with Ferretti Road, then continues southeast along the eastern edge of Ferretti Road to its intersection with State Highway 120, then continues east along the north side of State Highway 120 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S05, then continues

southeast along the eastern edge of Forest Road No. 2S05 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S09, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2S09 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S67, then continues northeast along Forest Road No. 1S67 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S14, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 1S14 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S62, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2S62 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S01, then continues east along Forest Road No. 2S01 to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues north along the Forest Boundary back to the starting point.



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Exhibit C**



DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES:

Carlton Day Use Area (Upper, Lower, and Carlton Falls Trailhead)
Dimond O Campground
Lost Claim Campground
Lumsden Campground
Lumsden Bridge Campground
Merals Pool Boat Launch
Middle Fork Day Use Area
Rainbow Pool Day Use Area
Rim of the World Vista
Sweetwater Campground

TUOLUMNE RIVER:

Tuolumne River at its intersection with Cherry Creek Boat Launch near Andresen Trailhead, then west to Merals Pool Put In, then west to the western Forest boundary.

RECREATION RESIDENCE TRACTS:

Peach Growers Tract

ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPS AND RESORTS:

San Jose Family Camp

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS:

Forest Road No. 1N10 from its intersection with Ferretti Road then east to Lumsden Bridge Campground
Forest Road No. 1N10E
Forest Road No. 1S21
Forest Road No. 1S28
Forest Road No. 1S30Y
Forest Road No. 1S31Y
Forest Road No. 1S52
Forest Road No. 1S63
Forest Road No. 1S67Y
Forest Road No. 1S90

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS:

Forest Trail No. 19E76