



Date: May 20, 2020

To: File

From: Deb Bumpus 
Forest Supervisor
Lassen National Forest

Re: Occupancy Restriction

I am implementing Forest Order 06-20-04 to limit camping in the Lake Almanor area pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b). The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and to protect natural resources by prohibiting camping in the areas designated on the attachment. The Order is effective from May 21, 2020 through May 20, 2022.

The Lake Almanor area sees significant recreation use year-round. Areas that are occupied extensively have experienced excessive soil compaction, erosion during winter rains, and removal of vegetation and natural ground litter within riparian zones, which adversely impacts critical habitat for numerous sensitive and endangered species. Excessive camping often creates a detrimental demand for natural resources and basic necessities, such as a need to access water for drinking, bathing, and washing.

By restricting camping to developed sites in the Lake Almanor area, Forest Service personnel can better protect the natural resources in the area and prevent misuse of public land. Developed recreation sites are paved and therefore cause less erosion issues. Trash is controlled through receptacles on site. Water and other resources are also available to prevent the use of the lake for hygiene purposes. For these reasons, the Forest Service has determined that it is beneficial to restrict camping to designated recreation sites in the area.

The Lassen National Forest has sought input both internally and externally on this matter, including subject matter experts and local county officials. It is the consensus of this group that this closure be instituted.

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 my decisions may begin immediately.



Order Number 06-20-04
Lake Almanor Area Camping Restriction
Lassen National Forest

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and to protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited in the Lassen National Forest. This Order is effective from May 21, 2020 through May 20, 2022.

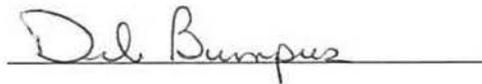
Camping, other than in a developed recreation area, as shown in Exhibit A and as described in Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.58(e).

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

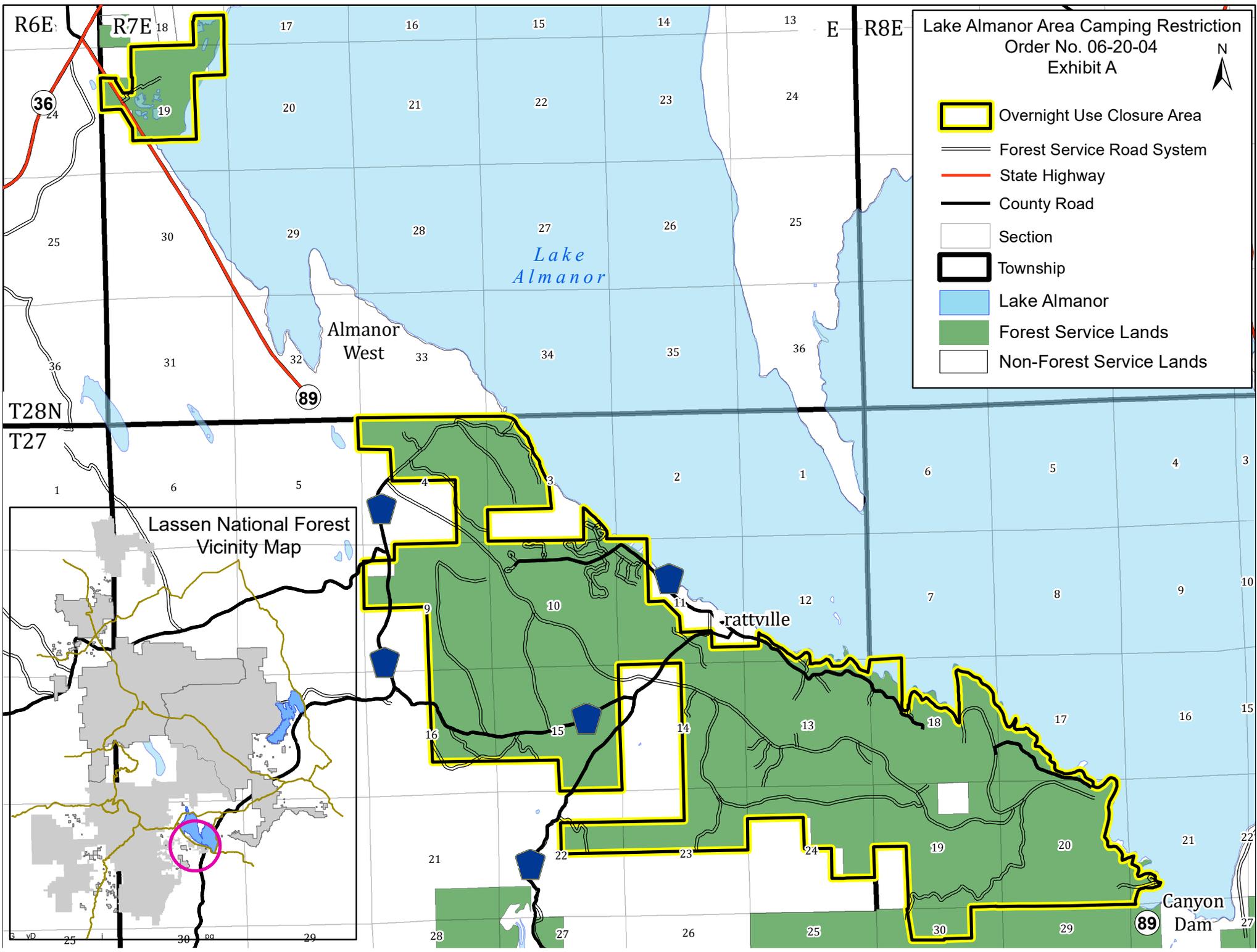
1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons with a contract from the Forest Service authorizing work in the closed area or on the closed road are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent authorized by the contract.
3. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions found 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.

Done at Susanville, California this 20th day of May, 2020.



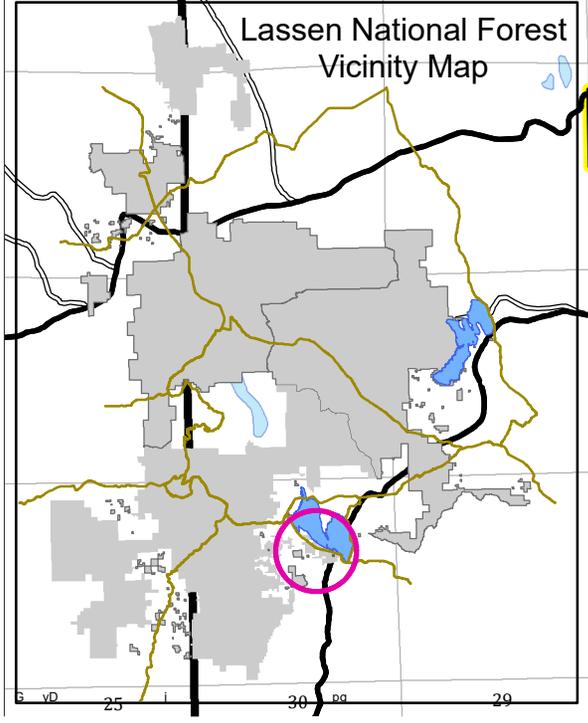
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Lake Almanor Area Camping Restriction Order No. 06-20-04 Exhibit A

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- Overnight Use Closure Area
- Forest Service Road System
- State Highway
- County Road
- Section
- Township
- Lake Almanor
- Forest Service Lands
- Non-Forest Service Lands



Lake Almanor Camping Restrictions 06-20-04
Exhibit B

The Lake Almanor restricted use area boundary begins at the intersection of State Route 89 and the western boundary of Section 4, in Township 27 North, Range 7 East, then continues due north and then east along the Forest boundary, then continues in a generally southeast direction along the Forest boundary to the intersection of Section 20, 21, 27, and 29 in Township 27 North, Range 8 East then west along the section line of 20 and 29, then west along section 19 and 30 for .25 miles, then south along the northeast and northwest quarter section line of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 8 East for .25 miles, then west for .5 miles to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, then north to the forest boundary for .25 miles, then in a generally north-westerly direction following the forest boundary back to the starting point.

An additional restricted use area boundary begins at the intersection of State Route 89 and the western boundary of Section 19, in Township 28 north, Range 7 East, then continues in a clockwise direction along the Forest boundary back to the starting point.