



Date: June 25th, 2020

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From: Deb Bumpus 
Forest Supervisor
Lassen National Forest

Re: Forest Order No. 06-20-08 Developed Recreation Site Closures

I am implementing Forest Order No. 06-20-08 to provide for public and employee health and safety by keeping developed recreation sites, except those listed in Exhibit A and trailheads, closed on the Lassen National Forest through November 1, 2020. This closure may be terminated or extended as conditions warrant.

This Order follows Forest Order No. 06-20-07, first issued June 12, 2020, and expiring June 25. These orders closed developed recreation sites (campgrounds, picnic areas, day-use sites, etc.), many of which draw large numbers of people and require significant management oversight, especially during high-use conditions, in an effort to protect public and employee health and safety from the risk of coronavirus exposure. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious and potentially fatal disease, which leads to respiratory illness. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. As of June 24, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a total of 2,302,288 cases of COVID-19 nationwide, with 183,073 cases in California.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. As a result, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. California has seen rapid community spread of the coronavirus. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-33-20, which directs all individuals living in the state to stay home or at their place of residence. On May 7, 2020, California's Public Health Officer issued an order explaining California's path forward from this "Stay-at-Home" Order through the implementation of its Pandemic Roadmap. This Roadmap identifies four stages of the pandemic: safety and preparation (Stage 1), reopening of lower-risk workplaces and other spaces (Stage 2), reopening of higher-risk workplaces and other spaces (Stage 3), and finally an easing of final restrictions leading to the end of the stay at home order (Stage 4).

The Lassen National Forest includes portions of seven California counties: Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Modoc. Each of these counties have been granted variances from the Governor's order to allow them to operate at Stage 2 or higher.

The number of COVID cases have continued to accelerate in the western United States, causing additional concern for its spread.



Lassen National Forest employees have procured the cleaning supplies necessary to open the sites listed on Exhibit A. Unfortunately, some Developed Recreation Sites will remain closed due to a lack of personnel needed to clean these additional sites adequately. The cleaning protocols instituted require frequent restroom and campsite surface cleaning, which is labor-intensive.

Currently, we lack the funding needed to hire the additional employees necessary to conduct these essential cleaning processes; as such, the Forest Service needs to restrict the number of open sites to manage the safety of these sites better.

My decision to keep Developed Recreation Sites, except those listed in Exhibit A and trailheads, closed under this Forest Order will allow the Forest to better meet the safety needs of anticipated visitors and the potential public health risks associated with increased visitation.

This Forest Order has been made in consultation with local county officials and congressional offices.

This Forest Order includes an exemption for persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order (Form FS-7700-48). Authorization for entry under this exemption will only be provided if I or my delegate determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable, considering the circumstances of the request. We may also require appropriate personal protective equipment and other necessary safety measures. I hereby delegate the authority to sign Form FS-7700-48 granting an exemption to this Forest Order to all Lassen National Forest Line Officers.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment 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.

This order is effective starting June 26, 2020, through November 1, 2020

Forest Order No. 06-20-08
USDA Forest Service
Lassen National Forest

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Lassen National Forest. This Order is effective from June 26, 2020, through November 01, 2020.

Entering or using a Developed Recreation Site or portion thereof, except those listed in Exhibit A and trailheads. 36 CFR 261.58(b).

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

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition 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 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Susanville, California, this 25th day of June 2020.



Deb Bumpus
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Exhibit A

Open Developed Recreation Site List

Almanor Ranger District Areas

Almanor Boat Launch	Canyon Dam Boat Launch (Boating Site)	Potato Patch Campground
Almanor Dump Station	Canyon Dam Boat Launch (Day Use Site)	Silver Beach Picnic Site
Almanor North Campground	Cherry Hill Campground	Silver Bowl Campground
Almanor Picnic Site	Domingo Springs Campground	Silver Lake Boat Launch (Boating Site)
Battle Creek Campground	Dyer View Trailhead/Day Use	
Black Rock Campground	Echo Lake Campground	
Butte Meadows Campground	Legacy Campground	

**All other sites on the Almanor District will remain closed for the season.

Eagle Lake Ranger District Areas

Aspen Grove Campground	Crater Lake Campground	Merrill Amphitheater Interpretive Site & Day Use Site
Aspen Grove Boat Launch (Boating Site)	Crater Lake Picnic and Boat Launch	Merrill Campground
Bogard Campground	Eagle Campground	Merrill RV Dump Station
Butte Creek Campground	Gallatin Marina (Boating Site)	Roxie Peconom Campground
Christie Campground	Gallatin Marina Jetty (Fishing Site)	
Christie Day Use & Picnic Site	Goumaz Campground	

Hat Creek Ranger District Areas

Big Pine Campground	Heart Lake Recreation Trail	Spattercone Nature Trail
Bridge Picnic Area	Old Station Day Use Picnic	Subway Cave
Cave Campground	Old Station RV Dump	
Dusty Campground	Pacific Crest Trail	
Hat Creek Campground	Panoramic Point	