

FOREST ORDER NO. 05-07-00-23-12
SPECIAL CLOSURE – STORM DAMAGE RECOVERY
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) & (b), and to provide for public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective at 12:00pm on AUGUST 31, 2023, through AUGUST 31, 2024.

1. Entering or using the following developed recreation sites or portions thereof:

- a. Monterey Ranger District sites as identified in Exhibit A;
- b. Santa Lucia Ranger District sites as identified in Exhibit B; or
- c. Santa Barbara Ranger District sites as identified in Exhibit C.

36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b).

2. Being on the following National Forest System (NFS) roads:

- a. Monterey, Ranger District roads as identified in Exhibit A;
- b. Santa Lucia Ranger District roads as identified in Exhibit B; or
- c. Santa Barbara Ranger District roads as identified in Exhibit C.

36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

3. Being on the following National Forest System (NFS) trails:

- a. Santa Lucia Ranger District sites as identified in Exhibit B.

36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 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 a Forest Service non-recreation special use authorization, such as for electric transmission lines and associated facilities, oil or gas pipelines and surface operations, or communications sites and tenants;
3. Owners, lessees, or residents of private land adjacent to or within the National Forest Boundary and Recreation Residence special-use permit holders (use code 123) of the “Oso Tract” on the Santa Barbara Ranger District are exempt from Prohibitions 1 & 2 above to the extent necessary to gain access to their privately owned assets and restricted to their permitted uses or circumscribed parcels.
4. Persons with a non-special use Forest Service written authorization to conduct non-recreational activities including, but not limited to hazardous fuels reduction, habitat/ecological restoration, research, resource surveys, or grazing livestock activities; and
5. Persons with a 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.

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This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. 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 six months, or both.
16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed at Solvang, California this 30th day of AUGUST, 2023.



CHRISTOPHER STUBBS

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Los Padres National Forest

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Exhibit A:

**MONTEREY
RANGER DISTRICT**

1) Closed Developed Recreation Sites:

Nacimiento Campground
Ponderosa Campground

2) Closed NFS Roads:

22S01 / Nacimiento-Fergusson Road
22S01A / Ponderosa Campground Road
22S01B / Nacimiento Campground Road
22S01C / Nacimiento Station Road

Exhibit B:

**SANTA LUCIA
RANGER DISTRICT**

1) Closed Developed Recreation Sites:

American Canyon Campground
La Panza Campground
Wagon Flat Campground
Cerro Alto Campground: Sites 5, 6, 7 only.

2) Closed NFS Roads:

11N04.4 / Colson Canyon Road
12N03.1 / Old Sierra OHV Road
12N03.2 / Old Sierra Road
30S02A / Avenales Station Road
30S04 / American Canyon Road
32S09 / Jollia Road

3) Closed NFS Trails:

16E03 / American Canyon Trail
16E06 / Avenales Trail
17E07 / Los Machos OHV Trail
31W06 / Buckhorn Ridge Trail

Exhibit C:

**SANTA BARBARA
RANGER DISTRICT**

1) Closed Developed Recreation Sites:

Upper Oso Campground
Sandstone Day Use Area

2) Closed NFS Road:

5N15A / Upper Oso Campground Loop