ORDER NO. 16-03
EMERGENCY CLOSURE
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Ojai Ranger District, within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from February 18, 2016 through June 1, 2016.

> Going into or being upon the Pines Campground located at the western edge of Section 26 of Township 4 North, Range 22 West, San Bernardino Base Meridian, along the Horn Canyon Trail (22W08) as shown in Exhibit A.

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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

2. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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.

Done at Goleta, California this 17th day of February 2016.

Robert A. Baird
Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest

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Date: February 17, 2016

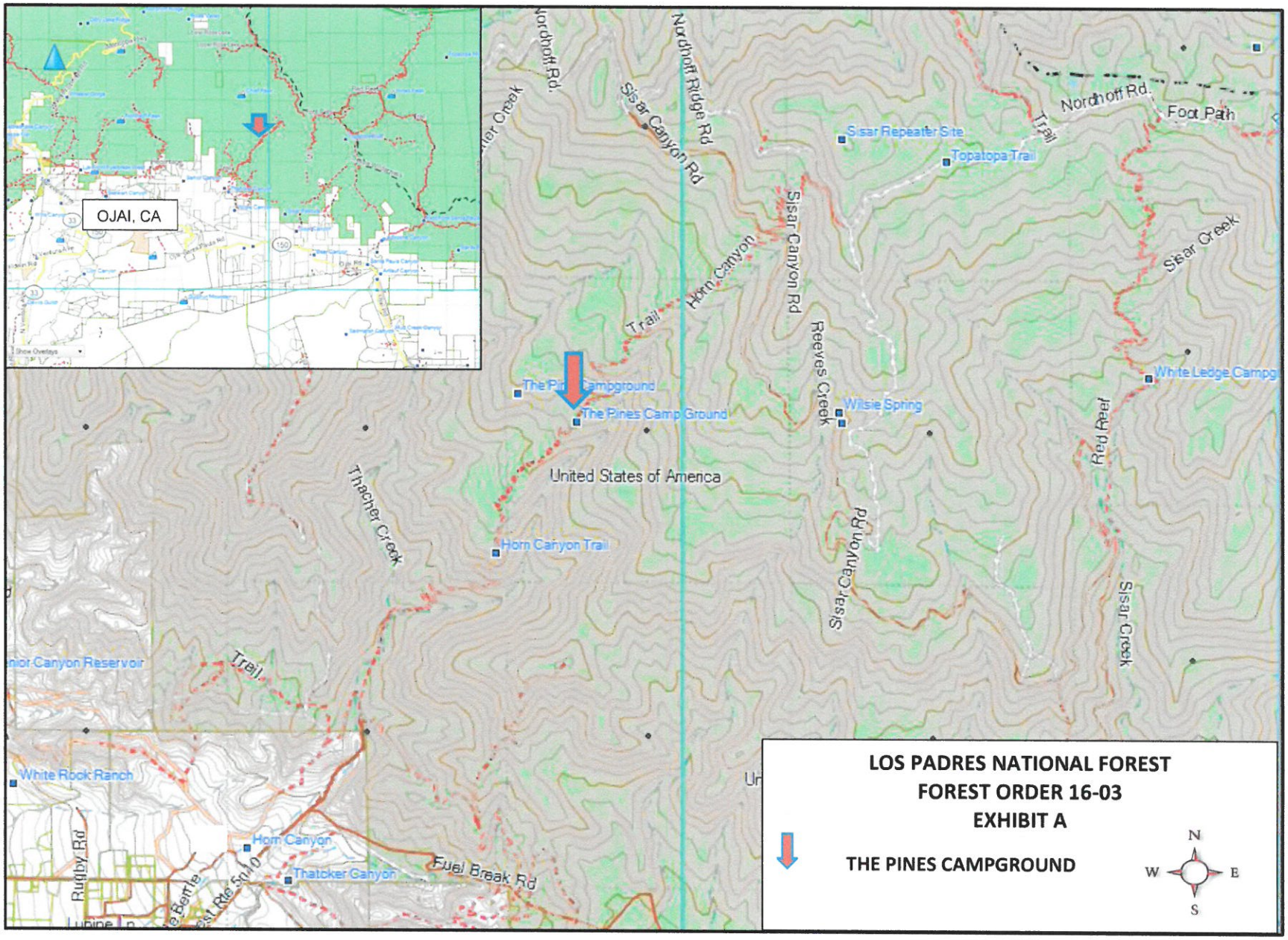
Subject: Forest Order 16-03 – Pines Campground Closure

From: Robert A. Baird, Forest Supervisor RAB

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety to close the Pines Campground within the Ojai Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest. The on-going drought and bark beetle infestation have killed about two dozen pine trees at the Pines Campground, a popular campsite along the Horn Canyon Trail (22W08).

This closure is essential to protect public safety and is necessary to help ensure that no one is injured from falling trees. Some dead trees have already blown over in recent wind events, but many more remain. The campsite contains a dense concentration of dead trees, creating a significant public safety situation.

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.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