

Order No. 11-16-02
Plumas National Forest
Emergency Road Closures

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Plumas National Forest. This Order is effective from March 22, 2016, until repairs are completed on Forest Road Nos. 27N26 and 27N26D.

1. Being on Forest Road No. 27N26 (Caribou Road) from its closure at its intersection with Belden Forebay and Forest Road No. 27N26A (Butt-Gansner Road) continuing north along Forest Road No. 27N26, T 26N, R7E, Sec. 26, to its intersection with Plumas County Road 305, T 26N, R 7E, Sec. 12, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
2. Being on 27N26D from its southern intersection with Forest Road No. 27N26, T26N, R7E, Sec. 24, to its northern intersection with Forest Road No. 27N26 (Caribou Road), T26N, R7E, Sec. 13, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(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 on the closed road and area 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.

Executed in Quincy, California this 21th day of March, 2016.



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Subject: Forest Road No. 27N26D and portions of Road No. 27N26, Butt-Gansner and Caribou Roads

To: File

From: Daniel Lovato, Acting Forest Supervisor *DAL*

I have decided it is necessary to close Butt-Gansner Road and a portion of Caribou Road, also known as Forest Road Nos. 27N26D and 27N26, as described in Order No. 11-16-02, until road repairs are completed.

The closure is being implemented to ensure public safety. Unusually wet weather conditions have eroded a portion of the roadway, resulting in unstable road conditions. Construction activities on the Mt. Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest are required to repair the road damage. Forest Road 27N26D and a portion of Forest Road 27N26 will be closed due to road sliding and hazardous conditions on the road such as open excavation areas and the operation of heavy construction equipment resulting from the re-construction and repair of the road. The road will need to be closed until the repairs and re-construction are completed. The closure will facilitate public and construction personnel safety for the duration of the project in the construction area. The closure needs to be in place 24-hours per day due to existing unsafe road conditions and hazards that remain in the construction area after dark, including an unstable road surface that presents a significant public safety hazard until construction is completed.

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: C. Holland-LE&I P.C.
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Craig Kusener-PNF East Zone Road Manager



