



# News Release

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## **FOREST ROADS CLOSED WITHIN WESTSIDE FIRE RECOVERY PROJECT AREA**

**YREKA, CA.** – To protect public safety during road repair and salvage logging operations, the Klamath National Forest has temporarily closed five forest roads near Seiad Valley and Scott Bar, California, to public use. The areas around the roads were burned during the 2014 Happy Camp Complex fires; as a result of fire impacts, the roads are in need of repair following recent winter storm events. Road repair work and roadside salvage logging operations will begin this week. Salvage logging operations are expected to continue through late summer 2016, requiring dedicated use of the roads by logging trucks and equipment.

The five forest roads are FR 46N64 (Tom Walker Road), FR 46N65 (Lake Mountain Road), FR 45N71 (Tom Martin Road), FR 45N05Y (Eagle springs Road), and FR 45N65 (East Tompkins Road). Forest Road 46N64 will be gated south of its intersection with the Klamath River Highway (State Route 96), near Seiad Valley. The other end of FR 46N64 will also be closed, at the intersection with the Scott River Road, 6.5 miles south of Scott Bar. The [closure order and a map](#) showing the closed roads is available on the Klamath National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/klamath](http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath).

Patricia Grantham, Forest Supervisor for the Klamath National Forest, explained the closure orders. "For the health and safety of the public and to avoid conflicts with needed road repair and salvage operations, these roads will be temporarily closed to public use. The combination of needed repairs, roadside hazard trees removal, narrow road conditions, higher than normal log truck frequency, and mid-road logging and road repair equipment constitutes an unacceptable safety risk to the public along the identified roadways. I apologize for the inconvenience that these closures create and ask for patience while this important work is being completed."

Exemptions to the closure order may be permitted, including access for owners or lessees of nearby private land. Anyone needing access to the specified roads should contact the Klamath National Forest Headquarters in Yreka (1711 South Main Street, phone 530-842-6131).

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