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TO: File

FROM: Ann D. Carlson, Forest Supervisor *AC*

RE: Forest Order No. 08-16-08 - Forest Road No. M4 (Paskenta-Mendocino Pass)

DATE: April 8, 2016

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for the closure of Forest Service Road M4 (Paskenta-Mendocino Pass) on the Grindstone Ranger District on the Mendocino National Forest (refer to attached map). This closure affects approximately 2 miles of the M4 from west of intersection with Co. Rd. 55 and east of junction with 23N73. Closure of this road will be from April 8, 2016, to September 30, 2016.

This road has a recent landslide approximately 15 miles west of Paskenta Work Center. The road is completely blocked by rocks and debris making this section of road not drivable. Since the landslide has highly saturated soils, this is a high public safety concern as large boulders and smaller materials may continue to roll down the slide or the slide may have a greater failure.

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.

**ORDER NO. 08-16-08**  
**ROAD CLOSURE**  
**MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Grindstone Ranger District on the Mendocino National Forest. This Order is effective from April 8, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Being on Forest Road No. M4, between the junction of County Road 55 and the junction of 23N73 as shown on the attached map.

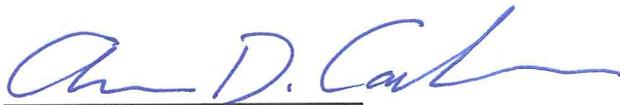
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 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 a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

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

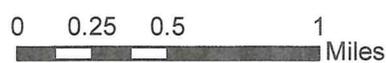
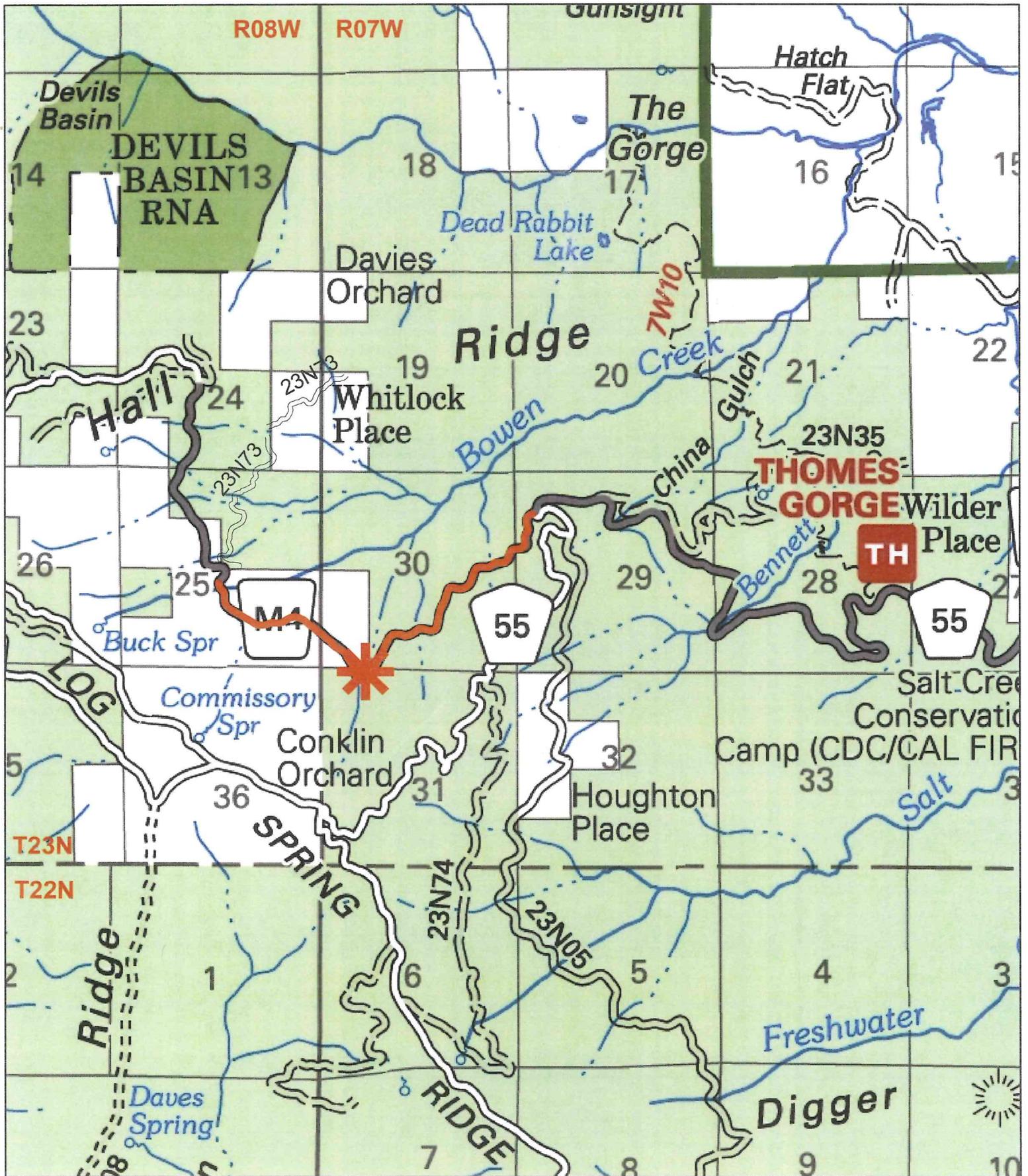
A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Executed in Willows, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



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Mendocino National Forest

# M4 ROAD CLOSURE- ORDER NO. 08-16-08



**Legend**

- Slide
- Road close