ORDER NO. 15-05-773
KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST
EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll RangerDistrict of the Klamath National Forest. This Order is effective from April 19, 2016 until May 26, 2016.

Going into or being upon the Grider Creek Campground, as shown in Exhibit A.
36 CFR 261.53(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. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions 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 six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Yreka, California this 18th day of April 2016.

Patricia A. Grantham
Forest Supervisor
Klamath National Forest

Date: April 18, 2016

To: Case File

From: Patricia Grantham, Forest Supervisor, Klamath National Forest Service

Re: Klamath National Forest, Emergency Closure, Order No. 16-05-773

This document explains our rationale and the regulatory basis for an area closure within the Klamath National Forest, as described in the attached Forest Order No. 16-05-773.

Order No. 16-05-773 is necessary to promote public safety in Grider Creek Campground. The risk from flood inundation and debris flows in the campground remains high following the 2014 Happy Camp Complex wildfire. Grider Creek has inundated the campground multiple times since the fires including during the July 2015 storms. There is a risk of debris flows from small unnamed drainages on both the east and west of the campground. These tributaries have the potential to not only directly affect anyone camping at the campground during a landslide producing storm but could also obstruct Grider Creek. This would create a debris dam, backing up water in the creek, that could lead to flash flood like conditions should it break abruptly.

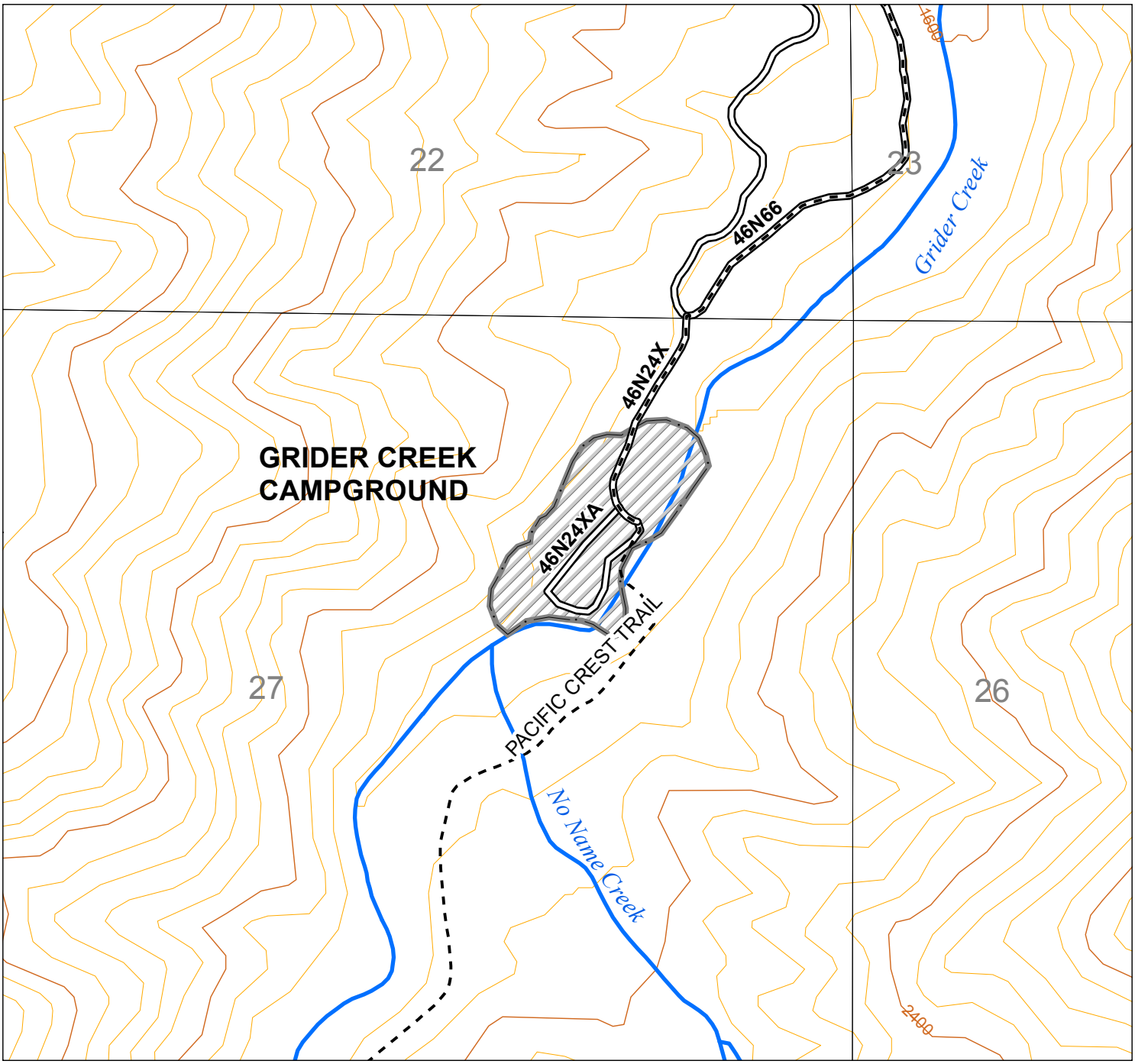
While these events can occur anytime of the year, the risk is the highest during the wet period of the year. The precipitation tends to taper off by mid to late May. Closing the campground until the Thursday before Memorial Day balances a factor of safety with the typical start of the high use of Forest campgrounds.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS (per FSH 1909.15, Section 31.12, Category l , 36 CFR 220.6(d)(l), Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety). This is not a project or activity implementing a land and resource management plan that is documented in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. No extraordinary circumstances exist.

I have determined that the above facts are accurate and consistent with current laws and regulations.

Order No. 16-05-773 Exhibit A
Grider Creek Campground

Salmon River/Scott River Ranger District
Klamath National Forest



Closed Area

Open Forest Trail

Open Forest Road

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