

Forest Order No. 05-15-00-16-05  
Sierra National Forest  
Recreation Site and Road Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and to protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from June 10, 2016, through May 26, 2017.

1. Going into or being upon the Recreation Sites listed below, as shown on Exhibits A, B and C.

Bass Lake Ranger District

1. Wishon Point Campground
2. Fish Creek Campground
3. Recreation Point Campground
4. Spring Cove Campground
5. Crane Valley Group Campground
6. Little Denver Church Picnic Campground and Picnic Area
7. Pine Slope Picnic Area
8. Jerseydale Campground
9. Rock Creek Campground
10. Placer Campground
11. Mammoth Pool Campground
12. Ross Cabin

High Sierra Ranger District

1. Gigantea Campground

36 CFR 261.58(b).

2. Being upon any National Forest System road listed below, as shown on Exhibits A, B and C.

Bass Lake Ranger District

1. Forest Road 7S024, beginning at the intersection of County Road 426 and continuing due east to its intersection with Forest Road 7S066IA.

High Sierra Ranger District

1. Forest Road 11S07, beginning at the intersection with the Crown Valley Trailhead, and continuing due south to its terminus at Wiesman Spring.

36 CFR 261.54(e).

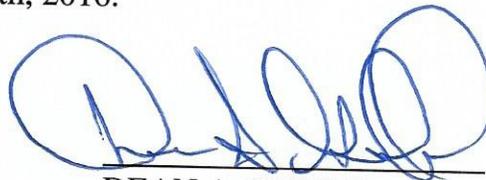
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a valid permit from the Forest Service 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.
3. Owners or lessees of private land to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained 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 Clovis, California on June 9th, 2016.



DEAN A. GOULD  
Forest Supervisor

This Order supersedes Order No. 05-15-00-16-03, dated May 26th, 2016.

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**Date:** June 9, 2016

**Subject:** Forest Order No. 05-15-00-16-05 – Recreation Site and Road Closure

**From:** Dean A. Gould, Forest Supervisor 

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing a recreation site and road closure Order on the Sierra National Forest.

The purpose of this Forest Order is to protect public safety and natural resources due to the unprecedented number of hazard trees present and the associated risk on the Sierra National Forest. Due to the extremely large volume of tree mortality in the areas addressed by the Order, this Order will prohibit use of recreation sites and road use in those locations. High risk of hazards to the public are expected in these areas since they would be directly in the path of potential falling dead trees that could lead to property damage and injury or death to a person. Salvage logging and tree falling operations will be taking place to improve conditions. These efforts will remove weakened trees in and adjacent to recreation sites and roads, preventing conditions from rapidly worsening over the next three to five years as more snags deteriorate and fall.

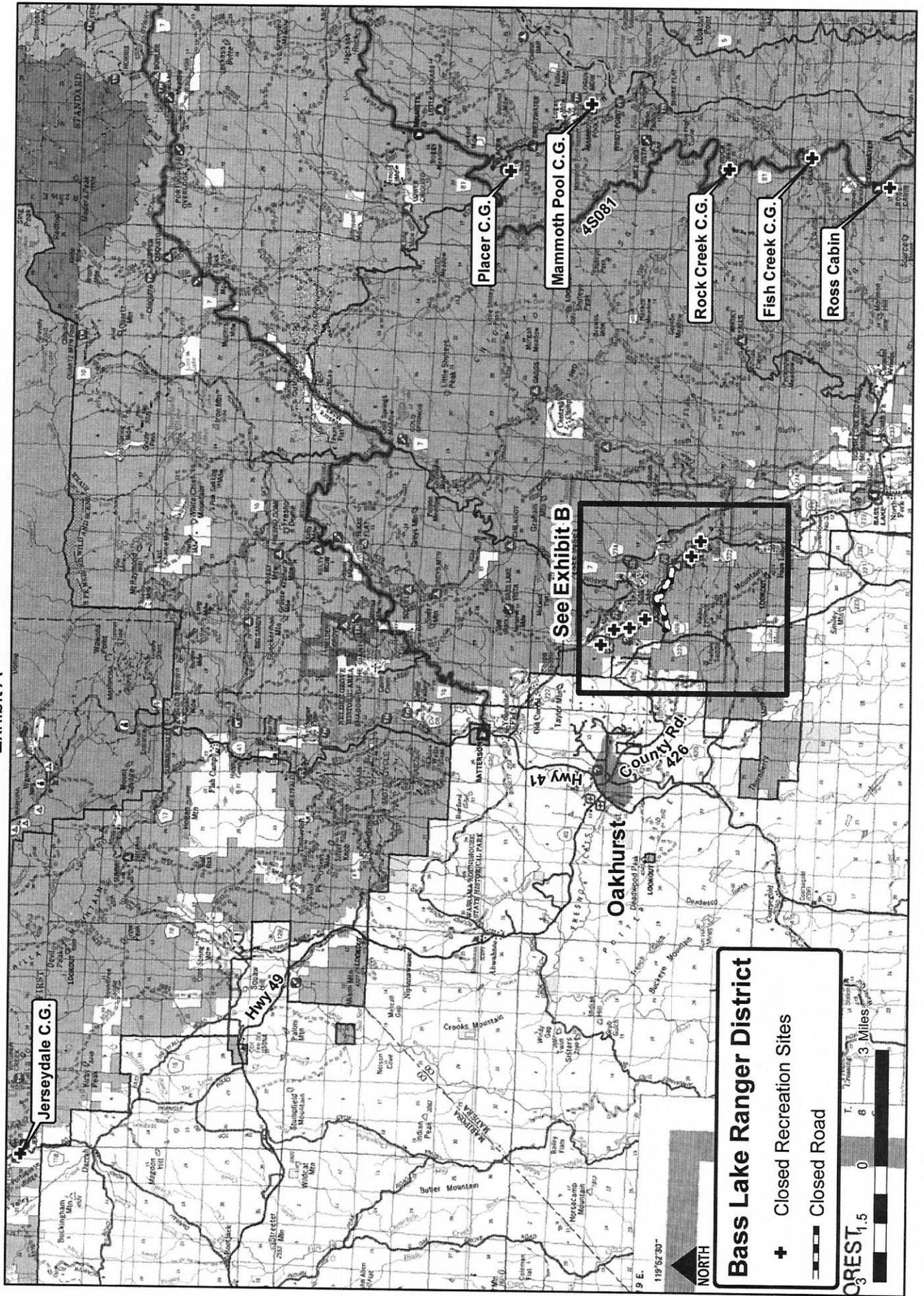
Although the Forest is addressing fallen trees where possible, some forest roads included in this Order are blocked entirely at present and need to be re-opened prior to entry by tree-falling crews. Additionally, while falling and salvage operations are taking place, Forest Service employees, logging contractors, and other equipment operators will be using forest roads listed in the Order that are one-lane and in severely sloped locations. The combination of hazard trees being present combined with frequent hauling, mid-road logging equipment, and road repair equipment constitutes an unacceptable safety risk to the public in the roadways and recreation sites listed in this Order. Closure of these roads and recreation sites will not only allow for present public safety but will allow the work to get done in a timely manner for fire prevention and possible suppression efforts.

As of June 8, 2016 the hazards listed above have been mitigated at both Dorabelle Campground and Lakeside Picnic Area. Therefore these locations have been removed from the Order and exhibits making them open to public use.

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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Exhibit A

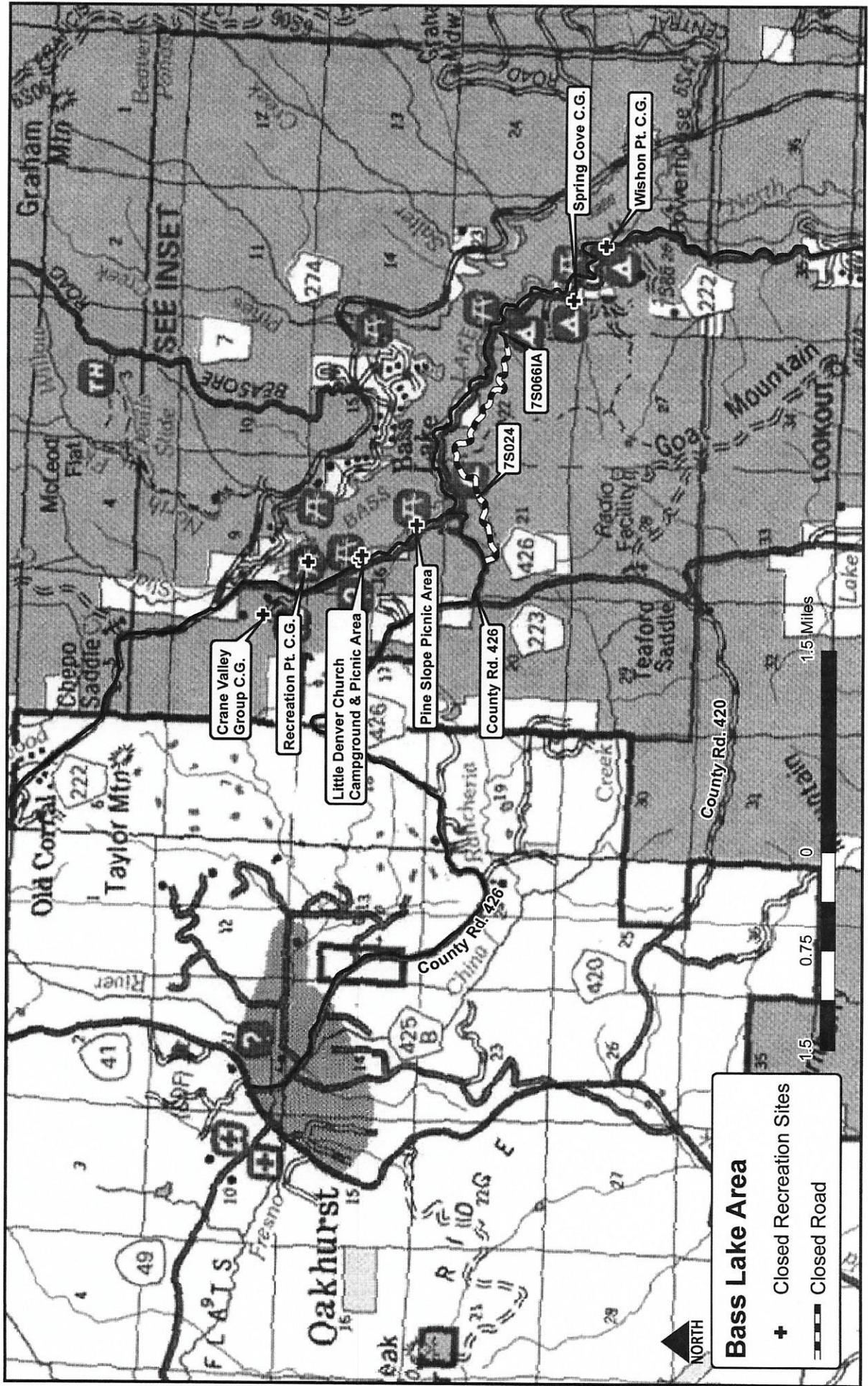


**Bass Lake Ranger District**

- + Closed Recreation Sites
- Closed Road

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 Exhibit B



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