

ORDER NO. 05-07-53-16-13
DEVELOPED RECREATION SITE AND ROAD CLOSURE
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST
SANTA LUCIA RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Santa Lucia Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from August 17, 2016, through August 18, 2017.

1. Being on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on the attached map.
36 CFR 261.54(e).
 - a. Forest Road No. 8N16.
 - b. Forest Road No. 8N32.

2. Entering or using the Developed Recreation Sites listed below and shown on the attached map.
36 CFR 261.58(b).
 - a. Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area.
 - b. Pino Alto Day Use Area.
 - c. Cumbre Day Use Area.

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.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions 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 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Goleta, California, this 16 day of August, 2016.



KEN HEFFNER
Acting Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest

This Order supercedes Order No. 05-07-52-16-12, dated August 11, 2016.



Date: August 16, 2016

Subject: Order No. 05-07-53-16-13, Los Padres National Forest, National Forest System
Developed Recreation Site and Road Closure

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From: Ken Heffner, Acting Forest Supervisor

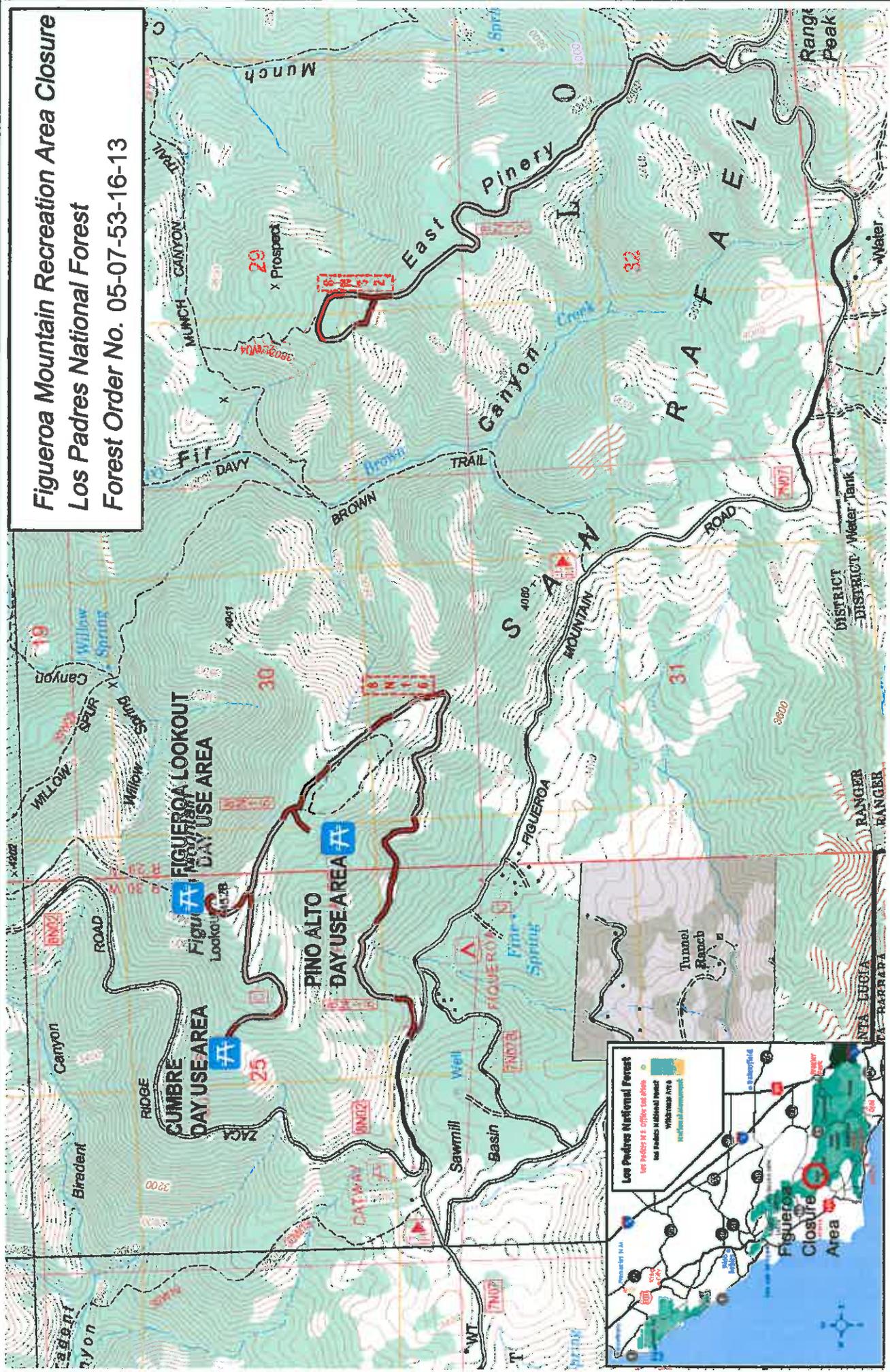
To provide for public health and safety, I am issuing Forest Order No. 05-07-53-16-13, effective from August 17, 2016 through August 16, 2017 for Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area, Pino Alto Day Use Area, Cumbre Day Use Area, and Forest Roads 8N16 and 8N32 on the Santa Lucia Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest (refer to attached map).

Over the past two years there has been increasing tree mortality from drought and beetle kill in pine stands throughout the sites listed above in the Figueroa Mountain Recreation Area, resulting in a high degree of hazardous trees in recreation facilities and along roads on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Dead trees adjacent to NFS recreation sites and roads are a significant health and safety hazard, particularly during high wind events, to our public visitors and employees. While qualified Forest Service employees have been striving to keep-up with mitigating the hazardous trees in and around recreation and roads in the Figueroa Mountain Recreation Area, we are no longer able to keep up with the pace of tree mortality, resulting in an unacceptable level of risk to the public and employees in the sites listed above. Until the hazardous trees can be safely mitigated, it is unsafe for the public to utilize Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area, Pino Alto Day Use Area, Cumbre Day Use Area, and Forest Roads 8N16 and 8N32.

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.



Figeroa Mountain Recreation Area Closure
Los Padres National Forest
Forest Order No. 05-07-53-16-13



Legend

 Day Use Area Closures = Pino Alto, Figeroa Lookout, Cumbre

 Road Closures = 8N16, 8N32

