



**Date:** August 25, 2016

**Subject:** Order No. 05-07-54-16-14, Los Padres National Forest, National Forest System  
Fire Closure

**To:** File

**From:** Kenneth Heffner, Acting Forest Supervisor

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I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety to close the roads, trails and area burning as a result of the Rey Fire within the Los Padres National Forest. The Rey Fire has been a fast growing wild fire and weather conditions are such that the fire is likely to continue to grow. The fire is unpredictable and is difficult to control in wilderness areas. An additional consideration is the limited road access to the area creating a potential for visitors to become trapped on the roads due to the use of heavy equipment. Closure of the fire area is necessary to help ensure that no one is injured within the fire perimeter. The National Forest System roads and trails within the burned area will also be closed due to fire suppression activities that create a hazard to the public.

The Forest has had discussions regarding the closure with local Law Enforcement and Fire Departments as well as cooperators. No opposition or issues were found.

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.

