

Order No. 16-08
FISH FIRE CLOSURE
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b) and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument of the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from September 8, 2016 to September 7, 2017.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Fish Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Fish Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Fish Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.54(e).

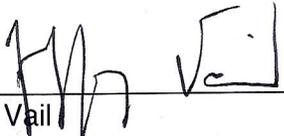
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Owners or lessees of private land within the Fish Fire Closure Area are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.
3. Persons who reside on private land within the Fish Fire Closure Area are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent necessary to gain access to their residences.
4. Persons with a special use permit or contract from the Forest Service authorizing work within the Fish Fire Closure Area and their employees, sub-contractors, or agents, are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent authorized by the special use permit or contract.
5. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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.

Done at Arcadia, California, this 7th day of September, 2016.



Jeffrey Vail
Forest Supervisor
Angeles National Forest

This Order supersedes Order No. 16-06, dated July 28, 2016.

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Exhibit A

The boundary of the Fish Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of the western ridgeline of Bliss Canyon and the congressional boundary of the Angeles National Forest, in Section 18 of Township 1 North, Range 10 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), then continues northeast along this ridgeline to its intersection with Van Tassel Road (Forest Service Road No. 1N36) in Section 17 of Township 1 North, Range 10 West, SBBM, then continues north along Van Tassel Road to its intersection with Silverfish Road. (Forest Service Road No. 1N29) in Section 5 of Township 1 North, Range 10 West, SBBM, then continues east along Silverfish Road to its intersection with an unnamed drainage at approximate latitude 34.204323N longitude 117.941448W, then continues northward along this drainage approximately 0.8 miles, then continues due east approximately 0.4 miles up and over the ridgeline to the top of an unnamed drainage that runs eastward; then continues south down this drainage through the west fork of Roberts Canyon to its intersection with the congressional boundary of the Angeles National Forest, then continues west along the congressional boundary back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map.

Memorandum for the Record

From: Jeffrey Vail, Forest Supervisor

RE: Fish Fire Closure, Forest Order No. 16-08

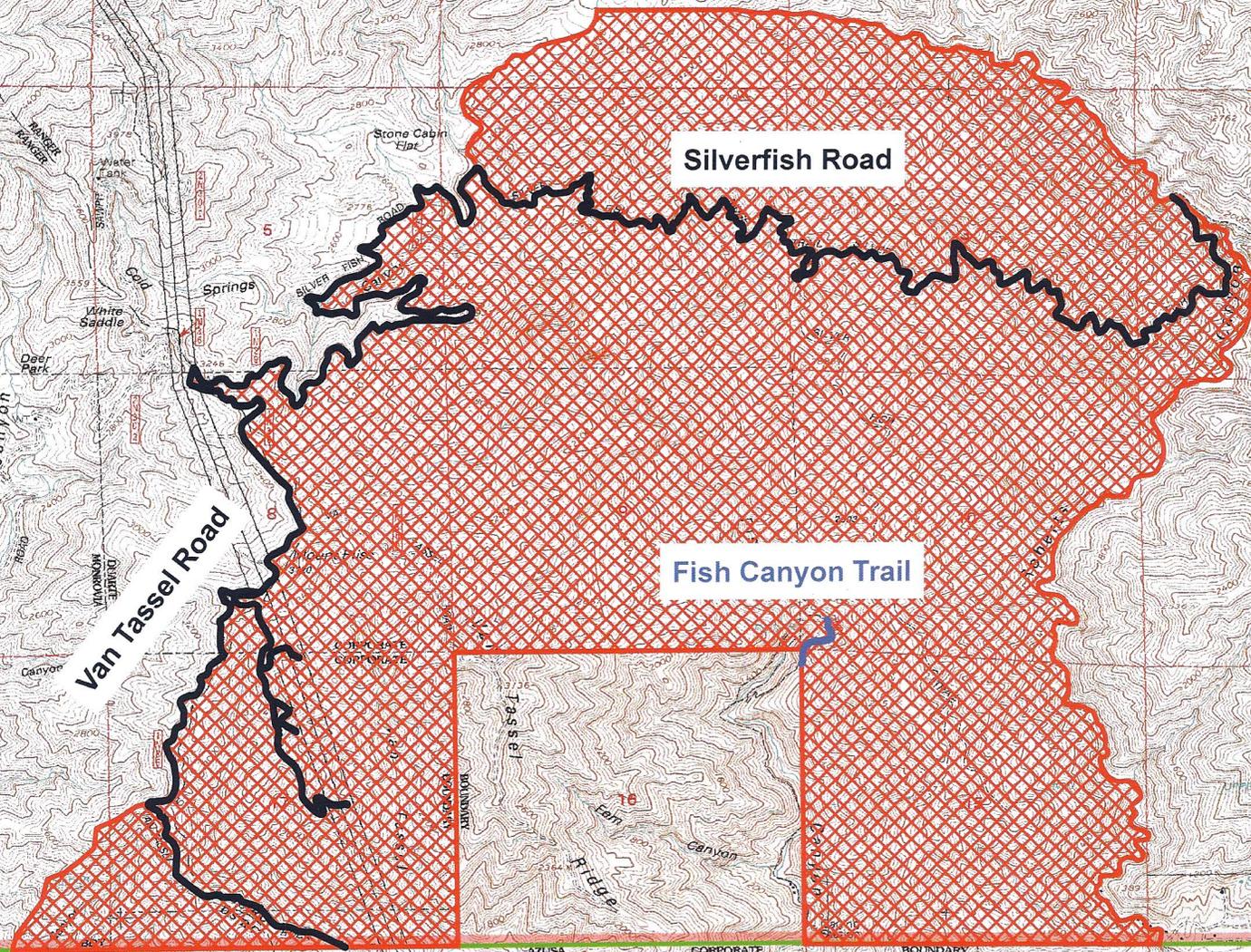
This document explains my rationale for issuing a closure order for the area burned by the Fish Fire on the Angeles National Forest, as described in Exhibit A and shown in the attached map. This closure will be in effect from September 8, 2016 to September 7, 2017.

The purpose of the closure is to provide for public safety and to facilitate natural recovery of the resources affected by the fire. Given the ongoing four-year drought and the timing of the fire heading into the driest season of the year, vegetative recovery is not expected to begin until after seasonal rains in approximately the next half-year. Without new vegetative growth, soils within the burned area are not stable enough to prevent erosion or even landslide events when precipitation finally does fall. We also expect that even before precipitation falls, dry ravel will start falling onto roads and trails rendering them unsafe for passage. Road entry into the closure area will be prohibited by closing the existing network of gates.

This decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act, under the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1): prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety. This category of action 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.

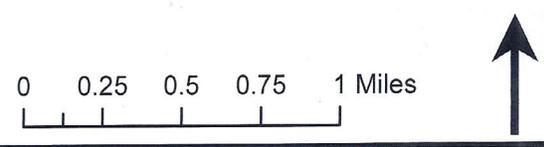
The Forest has had discussions regarding the closure with local Law Enforcement, Fire Department and cooperators. No opposition or issues were found.

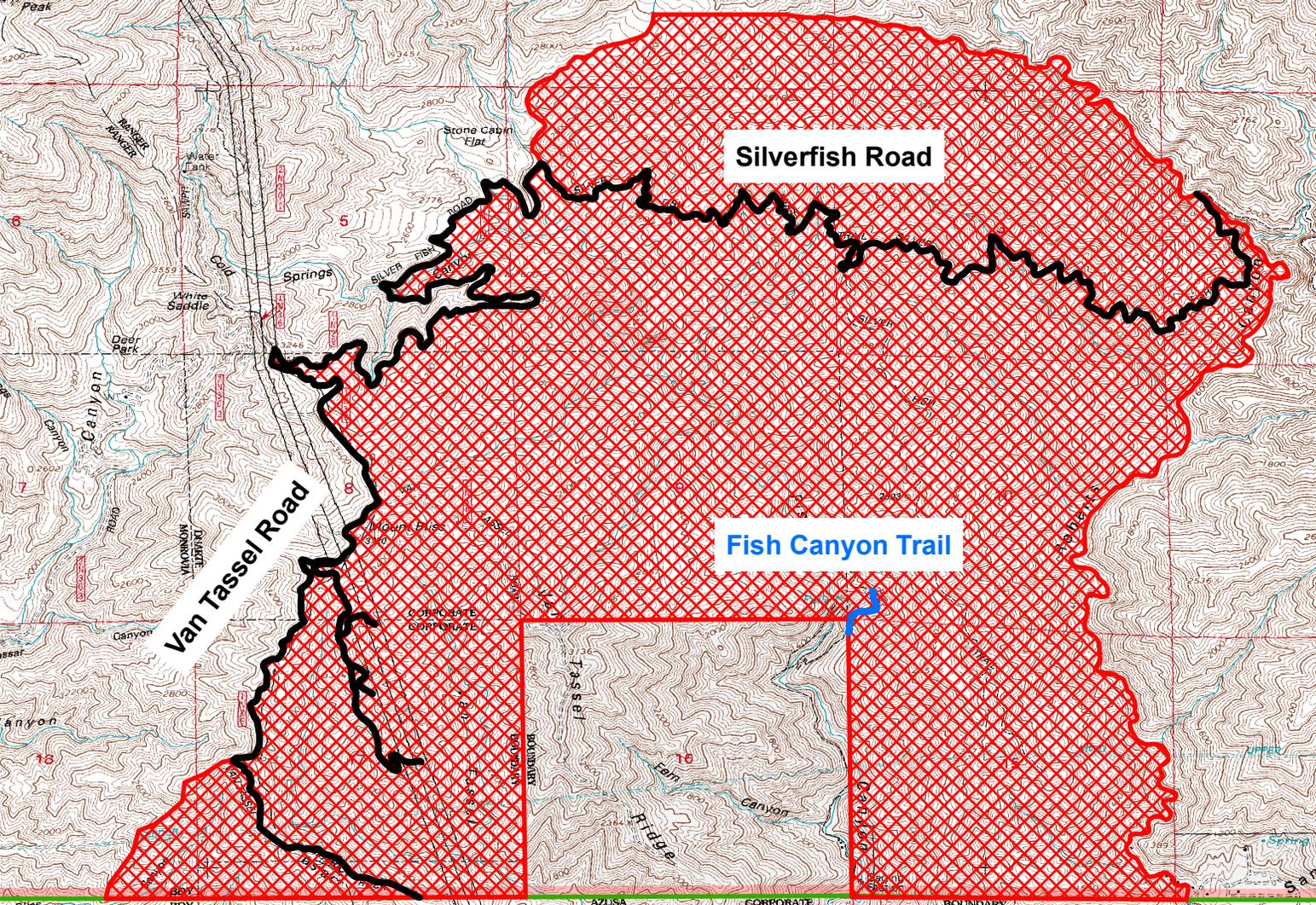
Public notice of this closure will be accomplished through news media releases, Forest Service websites, and Forest Service office postings.



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