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Subject: Forest Order No. 11-16-09 (Zone X6a Vehicle Restriction Area)

To: File

From: Daniel A. Lovato, Forest Supervisor

After reviewing the project file and discussing with my staff, I have decided to implement a seasonal motor vehicle prohibition for the Zone X6a Vehicle Restriction Area within California Department of Fish and Wildlife deer hunting zone X-6a from September 24 through October 17, 2016. This order will prohibit motor vehicles on or off any National Forest System road or trail within the Zone X6a Vehicle Restriction Area.

This will be the 33rd consecutive year that this area has been closed to vehicles during the general deer hunting season. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Plumas County Fish and Game Commission, and the Plumas National Forest are cooperative partners in this successful program. The objective of this closure is to curb excessive disturbance to deer. A high density of National Forest System roads exists within the Zone X6a Vehicle Restriction Area. Disturbance to the deer includes the street vehicle traffic on the many System roads, which increases during this time frame. Additionally, there is increased traffic from off-highway-vehicles that leave the System roads.

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.

cc: Adam M. Hill LE&I

Micki Smith- Mt. Hough District Ranger

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ORDER NO. 11-16-09
PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited in the Zone X6a Vehicle Restricted Area within the Plumas National Forest. For the purposes of this Order, a wheelchair is not considered a motor vehicle. This Order is effective from September 24, 2016, through October 17, 2016.

1. The boundary of the Zone X6A Motor Vehicle Restriction Area begins at Diamond Mountain, then continues east along the Plumas National Forest boundary to its intersection with Forest Road No. 29N43, then continues south along Forest Road No. 29N43 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N02, then continues west along Forest Road No. 28N02 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N25, then continues west along Forest Road No. 28N25 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N31, then continues north along Forest Road No. 28N31 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N19, then continues west along Forest Road No. 28N19 to its intersection with Indian Creek, then continues north along Indian Creek to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N02, then continues west along Forest Road No. 28N02 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N15, then continues north along Forest Road No. 28N15 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 28N15A, then continues north along Forest Road No. 28N15A to its terminus at Red Rock Lookout, then continues north along the ridge to the Plumas National Forest boundary, then continues east back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.56.
2. Using a motor vehicle on any National Forest System road within the Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(a).
3. Using a motor vehicle on any National Forest System trail within the Zone X6a Motor Vehicle Restricted Area, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(b).

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 six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Quincy, California, this 7th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Daniel A. Lovato
Daniel A. Lovato
Forest Supervisor
Plumas National Forest

Motor Vehicle Restriction

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