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Subject: Forest Order 10-17-09 – Young’s – Prescott Fire Area Closure 

From: Michael A. Green, Acting Forest Supervisor

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety to close the area threatened by wildfire as a result of the Young’s and Prescott Fires burning east of the Smith River National Recreation Area, Gasquet Ranger District on the Six Rivers National Forest, as described in the attached Forest Order No. 10-17-09 and displayed on the attached map.

Order No. 10-17-09 is necessary to promote public safety within the area of the Young’s- Prescott Fire Closure Area. It is my decision to issue this Forest Order to provide for public safety, while the Young’s and Prescott Fires are actively burning with no containment. Although ignition occurred in remote portions of the Siskiyou Wilderness Area, prevailing winds fueled by dense vegetation is continuing to increase its size, with flame fronts burning in a westerly direction approaching the Smith River National Recreation Area, Gasquet Ranger District on the Six Rivers National Forest. Because the remote, steep, rugged terrain poses a threat to firefighter safety, the team is using a confinement strategy to manage the Young’s Fire. The Prescott Fire, west of Happy Camp, is part of the Eclipse Complex on the Klamath National Forest. A small portion of the fire’s western edge has crossed the forest boundary south of Jedediah Mountain and is now in the Smith River National Recreation area on the Six Rivers National Forest.

There is limited road access to this area, creating the potential for visitors to become trapped in the event of blowups and fire runs, as fire behavior is unpredictable and can pose a serious threat to individuals who are near an uncontrolled fire without constant radio communications addressing fire movement and spread. In addition to the area closure, I am closing roads, trails, and trailheads that provide main access to the area to keep the recreating public out of the fire’s potential pathway, thereby reducing risk to the public of injury or death. The National Forest System roads and trails within the Young’s- Prescott Fire Closure Area will also be closed as firefighters are monitoring conditions and for spot fire ignition, which can pose a hazard to the public.

The Order will remain in effect until the Young’s and Prescott Fires are suppressed.

Public scoping was conducted. Public safety announcements and information about the fire and access to the area is being shared with the public at the Gasquet Ranger District’s Information Center.

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 my decisions may begin immediately.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael A. Green', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL A. GREEN

Acting Forest Supervisor, Six Rivers National Forest

ORDER NO. 10-17-09
YOUNG'S – PRESCOTT FIRE CLOSURE
SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

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 Smith River National Recreation Area/Gasquet Ranger District of the Six Rivers National Forest. This Order is effective from August 26, 2017, until the Young's and Prescott Fires are fully suppressed.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Young's-Prescott Fire Closure Area. The Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of the eastern edge of Forest Road No. 17N05 (Jawbone Road) and the southern edge of State Highway 199, then continues northeast along the southern edge of State Highway 199 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 18N11, then continues east along Forest Road No. 18N11 to its intersection with the Six Rivers National Forest Boundary, then continues south along the Six Rivers National Forest boundary to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 4E50, then continues southwest along Forest Trail No. 4E50 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 15N01, then continues north along Forest Road No. 15N01 to its intersection with the southern boundary of Section 30, Township 15 North, Range 3 East, Humboldt Base meridian, then continues due east .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due east .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due west .25 mile, due south .25 mile, due west .25 mile to its intersection with Forest Road No. 15N63, then continues north along Forest Road No. 15N63 for .5 mile, then continues due west to its intersection with Range line for sections 19 and 30 for 1.25 miles, then continues due east .5 mile, due north .25 mile, due west .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due west .25 mile to its intersection with Range line for section 18 for .25 mile, then continues due east .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due east .5 mile, due north .25 mile, due west .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due east .5 mile, due north .25 mile, due east .25 mile, due north .25 mile, due east .75 mile, due north .5 mile, due west .5 mile, due south .25 mile, due west 1 mile to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N03, then continues northeast along the western edge of Forest Road No. 16N03 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N16, then continues north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05, then continues northwest along Forest Road No. 17N05 to its intersection with the southern edge of Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 3 E, Humboldt Base meridian, then continues due east .25 mile, due north 1 mile, due west .5 mile, due south 1 mile to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05, then continues northwest back along Forest Road No. 17N05 to the starting point, as shown on the attached map.

36 CFR 261.52(e).

2. Being on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on the attached map.
 - a. Forest Road No. 16N02 (Ship Mountain Road) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05 (Jawbone Road) continuing southerly to its intersection with the Six Rivers National Forest boundary.
 - b. Forest Road No. 16N03 (Fox Ridge Road) from its intersection with County Road No. 405 (Big Flat Road) continuing easterly to its terminus at Forest Road No. 16N02 (Ship Mountain Road).

- c. Forest Road No. 17N24 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05 (Jawbone Road) continuing easterly to its terminus.
- d. Forest Road No. 17N03 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05 (Jawbone Road) south-easterly to its terminus.
- e. Forest Road No. 17N05U from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N05 (Jawbone Road) north-easterly to its terminus.
- f. Forest Road No. 18N08 (Siskiyou Fork Road) from its intersection with Highway 199 south easterly to its terminus
- g. Forest Road No. 17N27 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 18N08 (Siskiyou Fork Road) easterly to its terminus.
- h. Forest Road No. 18N07 (Knopki Creek Road) from its intersection with Highway 199 easterly to its terminus.
- i. Forest Road No. 18N11 from its intersection with Highway 199 south-easterly to its terminus.
- j. Forest Road No. 15N39 (Kelsey Road) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 15N01(Go Road) easterly to its terminus
- k. Forest Road No. 14N38 (Buck Creek Road) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 15N01 (Go Road) northerly to its terminus.

36 CFR 261.54(e).

- 3. Being on the National Forest System trails listed below and shown on the attached map.
 - a. Forest Trail No. 4E05 (Island Lake Trail), from the Island Lake Trailhead, then continuing east to its intersection with the Six Rivers National Forest boundary.
 - b. Forest Trail No. 3E01 (Gunbarrel Trail), from the Gunbarrel Trailhead, then continuing east to its intersection with the Six Rivers National Forest boundary.
 - c. Forest Trail No. 4E06 (South Kelsey Trail), from the South Kelsey Trailhead, then continuing east to its intersection with the Six Rivers National Forest boundary.
 - d. Forest Trail No. 3E07 (Summit Valley Trail) from the Summit Valley Trailhead, then continuing northerly to its intersection with the South Kelsey Trail (4E06).
 - e. Forest Trail No. 4E50 (Boundary Trail) from the terminus of Forest Road No. 15N01, then continuing northeast to its intersection with Six Rivers National Forest boundary.

36 CFR 261.55(a).

- 4. Entering or using the Developed Recreation Sites listed below as shown on the attached map.
 - a. Island Lake Trailhead.
 - b. Gunbarrel Trailhead.
 - c. South Kelsey Trailhead.

d. Summit Valley Trailhead.

36 CFR 261.58(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. Owners or lessees of land in the Young's-Prescott Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary access their land.
3. 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 Eureka, California, this 26 day of August, 2017.



Michael A. Green
Acting Forest Supervisor
Six Rivers National Forest

Order No. 10-17-09 Emergency Closure Six Rivers National Forest

