

ORDER NUMBER 05-07-51-17-12
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST
TRAIL AND CAMPGROUND CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited in the Monterey Ranger District within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from November 7, 2017, until November 6, 2018.

1. Being on the following National Forest System Trails: Pine Ridge Trail (Forest Trail No. 3E06); Terrace Creek Trail (Forest Trail No. 3E22); and Ventana Camp Trail (Forest Trail No. 2E14), as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).
2. Entering or using the following developed recreation sites or portions thereof: Barlow Flat, Sykes; Redwood; Terrace Creek; and Ventana Camps, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.58(b).

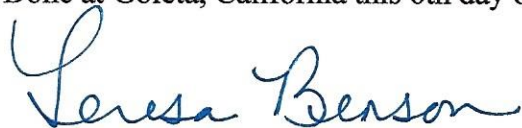
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. 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.

Done at Goleta, California this 6th day of November, 2017.




Teresa Benson, Acting Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest



File Code: 1010

Date: November 6, 2017

Subject: Forest Order 05-07-51-17-12, Trail and Camp Closure

From: Teresa Benson, Acting Forest Supervisor 

I am issuing Forest Order 05-07-51-17-12 for continued public safety and resource protection to keep closed the following National Forest System trails and associated camps found in the Soberanes Fire burn area, within the Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest: Pine Ridge Trail (Forest Trail No. 3E06); Barlow Flat; Sykes and Redwood Camps; Terrace Creek Trail (Forest Trail No. 3E22); Terrace Creek Camp; Ventana Camp Trail (Forest Trail No. 2E14); and Ventana Camp. We expect the closure to remain in effect until the hazardous trail conditions can be mitigated, which contribute to safety issues for the public. Adequate surveys of these trails will be needed to ascertain the amount of damage, the subsequent repair needs, environmental planning, and funding allocation and trail repair prior to allowing the public access to these popular areas.

The scoping regarding this temporary trail closure included discussions with local landowners, general public, government agencies, as well as cooperators and volunteers.

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.

