

Forest Order No. 05-15-51-18-01
Sierra National Forest
Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail Closure
Forest Trail No. 22E06

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from May 23, 2018, through May 22, 2019.

1. Being on the Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail (Forest Trail No. 22E06) beginning at its intersection with Forest Road No. 6S90 to the trailhead, then continuing north on the trail and looping back south to its terminus at the trailhead, for a total of 1.02 miles. 36 CFR 261.55(a).
2. Going into or being upon the parking area of the Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail. 36 CFR 261.53(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. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with a contract from the Forest Service authorizing work on the closed trail are exempt from the prohibition listed above to the extent authorized by the contract.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition 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 Clovis, California, on May 22, 2018.



DEAN A. GOULD
Forest Supervisor



File Code: 2670
Route To: File

Date: May 22, 2018

Subject: Forest Order No. 05-15-51-18-01 – Shadow of the Giants National Recreation Trail Closure

From: Dean A Gould, Forest Supervisor 

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing a trail closure and area closure Order on the Sierra National Forest.

The purpose of this Forest Order is to protect public safety due to damage that the forest sustained as a result of the Rail Road Fire. The Rail Road Fire caused hazard trees, burned trail bridges, and destabilized trail soils in the Shadow of Giants area. The fire also burned pit toilets, which has left two large open holes that put visitors at risk. I have determined that the Shadow of Giants National Recreation Trail and the parking area that services the trail are hazardous and unsafe for public use at this time and until the forest can rehabilitate the area and implement repairs.

The public can continue to use nearby Bull Buck, Chimney Tree and Graveyard of the Giants Trails located on Forest Service Road 5S19 and Forest Service Road 5S19B. These trails are also located within the Rail Road Fire perimeter however the damage is not as extensive as the Shadow of the Giants Trail.

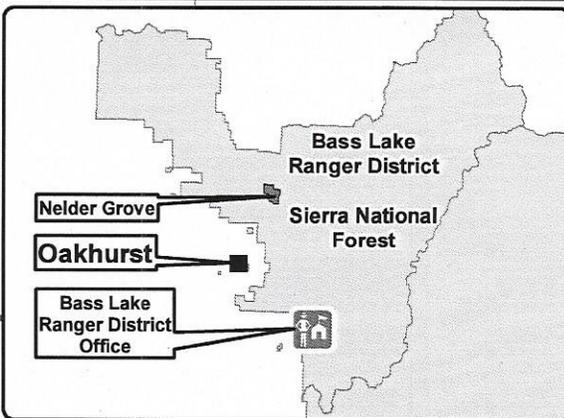
Public scoping included a letter to Yosemite Gateway Partners about the damage and hazardous conditions. Comments received from Yosemite Gateway as well as from members of the public contacted at the trail head concurred with trail closing.

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.



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T. 6 S.

Nelder Grove

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5S19B

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4

Graveyard of the Giants

Chimney Tree

Shadow of the Giants Trail

5S19

Bull Buck

5S19

Sugar Pine

7

6S90

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6S90

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6S47Y

Sky Ranch Rd.
Rd. 632

17

To Oakhurst

16

- ■ ■ Shadow of the Giants Trail (Closed)
- Open Trails
- Roads
- Sky Ranch Road
- Parking Area
- Nelder Grove
- Privately Owned Land
- Township/Range
- Sections



0.35 0.175 0 0.35 Miles