

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
EL YUNQUE NATIONAL FOREST

ORDER # 08-16-PR-17-07

FOREST ORDER

Special Closure-Public Health and Safety

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited within the El Yunque National Forest. Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, the El Yunque National Forest has been left with severe road and trail erosion, landslides, and compromised structures that jeopardize public health and safety; it should also be noted that there is undergoing construction in the area. For these reasons, the following area will remain closed until further notice.

(1) The following areas will remain closed on the EL YUNQUE NATIONAL FOREST:

EL YUNQUE RECREATION AREAS INCLUDE:

Caimitillo and Caimitillo Spur	Forest Service Road 10 & 27
El Portal Visitor Center	Big Tree
Palo Colorado	La Mina Falls
Quebrada Grande	Roca El Yunque
Sierra Palm	Trade Winds
Forest Headquarters Catalina	Los Picachos
Baño de Oro	Rio Sabana Trail
Bisley Trail	Carrillo Trail

(2) See the attached map for the listed "closed" locations of the EL YUNQUE National Forests.

No person or vehicle may enter, go into or be upon or within the described areas of the EL YUNQUE NATIONAL FORESTS.

When provided by an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protections of:

Public health and safety. (36 CFR 261.53(e))

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from the above Prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit 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 their official duty.

This Order is effective this 11th day of February 2019, and will remain in effect until terminated by appropriate authorized personnel.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico this 11th day of February 2019.



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Violations of the above prohibition set forth, are punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than (6) six months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).