



Pacific Gas & Electric Company Public Safety Power Shutoffs

Your Stanislaus National Forest visit may be affected --

In May 2019, Pacific Gas & Electric Company announced its plan to shutoff, and later restore, power if necessary due to extreme weather and wildfire danger. Sometime during the fire season, your planned visit to the Stanislaus National Forest may be impacted if your visit coincides with a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff.

When and where a Public Safety Power Shutoff takes place, how long it will last, and how it might affect visitors to the forest is difficult to predict. To be prepared for a shutdown, please consider the following possibilities as you plan your visit:

- Visitor services at forest and district offices may be limited. Because it takes power to run a variety of systems, such as cash registers and computers, front desk sales, wood product permits, answering telephones and responding to e-mails will likely be delayed. If an outage lasts several days, staff at an affected office may be re-assigned to another location until power is restored. As a result, front desk offices may be closed.
- Amenities and services at developed sites may be impacted. Sites with flush toilets will likely have the restrooms closed. We will do our best to provide portable toilets if available in the local area, but please expect to have to travel further to find restroom facilities. Without electricity, water pumps and water storage will be affected. Most sites will typically run out of water within three days if tanks are full when the outage begins. Visitors are encouraged to bring an emergency supply of water with you, enough to supply your whole group.
- If Forest Service offices and sites are affected by a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff, it is likely that other resorts, facilities, recreation residences and nearby communities may also be affected (for example, gas station and grocery stores). Bring plenty of food for the duration of your stay and keep your gas tank full.
- Communication in the Sierra Mountains can be limited even when the power is on due to cell phone coverage, bandwidth availability and terrain. It is possible that during a Public Safety Power Shutoff, phone services will not be available during the power outage. Using an electrical charger will no longer be an option. Because communications may be limited, please be sure a family member or friend not traveling with you is aware of your destination and when you plan to return before you leave home.
- Like our visitors, the Stanislaus National Forest is a PG&E Customer. In the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff, we will do our best to monitor conditions and power restoration timelines. As we receive updated information from PG&E, we will pass the information along to the best of our ability.

Please come prepared to enjoy your visit to the Stanislaus National Forest. As stewards of this treasured landscape, be sure to follow all rules and restrictions about campfires, honor our 'Leave No Trace' and 'Pack-It-In / Pack-It-Out' principles and stay safe.

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