Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. 261.50(a), and to protect natural resources, the following act is prohibited within the Kern River Ranger District in the Sequoia National Forest. This Forest Order is effective from August 25, 2020 through August 24, 2023.

Camping in the Lower Kern River Camping Restriction Area, except within a developed campground or in a designated dispersed camping area, described below and shown on the attached map. The Lower Kern River Camping Restriction Area consists of the following three segments on the Lower Kern River:

1. Segment 1 includes the area within 500 feet on either side of the Kern River from its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 32 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then west to its intersection with the southern section line of Section 10.

2. Segment 2 includes the area within 1,000 feet of Kern Canyon Road from its intersection with the southern section line of Section 10, then west to its intersection with Delonegha Day Use Area.

3. Segment 3 includes the area 500 feet north of the Kern River and the area 1,000 feet south of Highway 178, beginning at the Delonegha Day Use Area, then continuing west to the Forest Boundary.

36 C.F.R. 261.58(e).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Forest Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. 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 six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Porterville, California this 24th day of August, 2020.

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This Forest Order supersedes Forest Order No. 0513-19-08, dated April 22, 2019.