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Dispersed camping prohibited in certain areas around Mt. Shasta

MT. SHASTA, Calif. — The Shasta McCloud Management Unit has implemented a forest closure order to prohibit dispersed camping/overnight use in certain areas of the forest surrounding the towns of McCloud, Mt. Shasta, Weed, Dunsmuir and Castella. This Forest Order No. 14-20-10 will be in effect until October 31, 2020 and is posted online with accompanying map at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/stnf/forestorders>.

The order has been enacted due to the rise in dispersed camping, including an increase in illegal campfires. The potential for new fires to start and burn uncontrollably is extremely high. Dangerous fire conditions, along with limited firefighting resources, pose a significant threat to communities, the visiting public, and adjacent private landowners of National Forest System lands.

In conjunction with Siskiyou County, the Bunny Flat gate, on the Everitt Memorial Highway, will remain closed for the remainder of the season. This includes Panther Meadows Campground, which will be closed for overnight use. Day use will still be allowed in all areas throughout the unit.

“We appreciate everyone understanding and their support with complying with this forest closure order to ensure the safety of the recreating public and to help protect the communities within this area,” said Shasta McCloud Management Unit District Ranger Carolyn Napper. “Our wildland firefighting resources are stretched thin and we all need to do our part in protecting our Forest and where we live.”

For more information, please call the Mt. Shasta Ranger Station at (530) 926-4511 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or visit the Forest website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/stnf> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/shastatrinitynf>.

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