



Forest Order No. STF-16-2021-11 Stanislaus National Forest Henry Fire Closure Area

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Calaveras Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from July 10, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

- 1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System lands within the Henry Fire Closure Area, as shown in Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
- 2. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Henry Fire Closure Area, as shown in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

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

- 1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions 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.

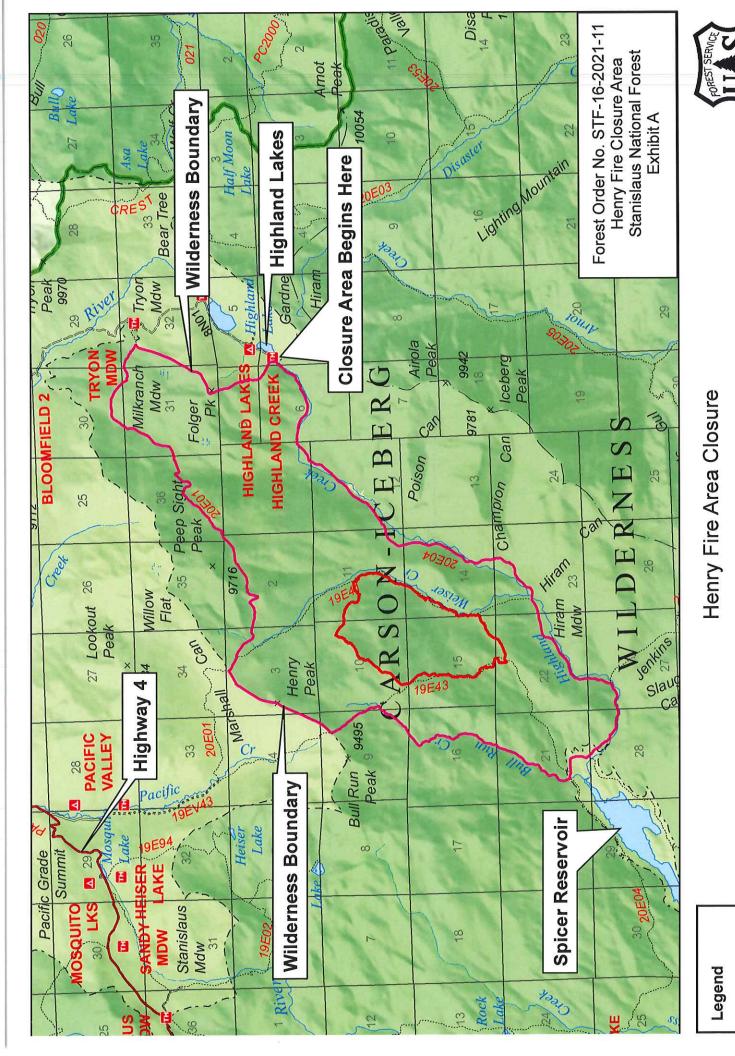
Executed in Sonora, California, this 9th day of July, 2021.

Jason Kuiken

Forest Supervisor

Stanislaus National Forest

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Exhibit B

The Henry Fire Closure Area begins at the Forest Trail No. 20E04 / Highland Creek Trailhead near Highland Lakes then continues along Forest Trail No. 20E04 southwest to the intersection with Bull Run Creek at Spicer Reservoir, then continues northeast along Bull Run Creek to the intersection with Forest Trail No. 19E43, then continues northwest along Forest Trail No. 19E43 to its intersection with the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness boundary, then continues northeast along the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness boundary to its intersection with Forest Trail No. 20E01, then continues northeast along Forest Trail No. 20E01 to the intersection with the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness boundary near the Tryon Meadow Trailhead, then continues south along the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness boundary back to its beginning.

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Date: July 9, 2021

File Code: 1010

Route To: (1950)

Subject: Forest Order No. STF-16-2021-11, Henry Fire Closure Area

To: Project Files

From: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor

I have decided to close the National Forest System lands and trails within the Henry Fire Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B to Forest Order No. STF-16-2021-11, to provide for public safety.

On June 24, 2021, the Henry Fire started near Weiser Creek in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness on the Stanislaus National Forest. As of July 2, 2021, the Henry Fire had grown to 35 acres. Currently, crews and firefighters are confining and containing the fire within an 800-acre perimeter. Active fire, hazardous standing trees and proximity to trails provide clear indicators that the fire area is dangerous, and the public should be restricted from entering.

The Order is necessary to ensure that firefighting efforts continue unimpeded and to protect the public from the hazards associated with actively burning fire and fire suppression efforts within the Henry Fire Closure Area. This closure is based on the current and expected fire behavior and will be in effect until December 31, 2021, or until replaced or rescinded.

Fire Command Staff and emergency response agencies were consulted during scoping and it was determined that implementing a closure order is the best means to protect the public. I have determined that the anticipated effects of this Order would be primarily administrative in nature with no resulting ground disturbance or resource impacts directly resulting from implementation of the Order. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these temporary prohibitions.

I have also 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.

This order includes an exemption for persons holding a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order (Form FS-7700-48). Authorization under this exemption will only be provided if I or my delegate determine that the risks to public safety and natural resources are reasonable considering the circumstances of the request. I hereby delegate the authority to sign Form FS-7700-48 granting an exemption to this order to the District Ranger of the Calaveras Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest.



