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 Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from July 30, 2021, through October 30, 2021.

1. Operating a motor vehicle on the following National Forest System roads, as shown on the attached map:

   a. Forest Road No. 22S01 (Nacimiento-Fergusson Road) from its intersection with State Highway 1 in Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDBM) continuing generally east for approximately 10.3 miles to the western entrance of Nacimiento Campground in the SE ¼ of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 5 East.

   b. Forest Road No. 20S05.4 (South Coast Ridge Road) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 22S01 (Nacimiento-Fergusson Road) in the NW ¼ of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 5 East continuing generally south for approximately 4.1 miles to its intersection with Forest Road No. 22S04 (Prewitt Ridge Road) in the SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 22 South, Range 5 East, as shown on the attached map.

   c. Forest Road No. 20S05.3 (Central Coast Ridge Road / Cone Peak Road from its intersection with Forest Trail No. 3E10 (North Coast Ridge Trail) in the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 4 East continuing generally south for approximately 6.4 miles to its intersection with Forest Road 22S01 (Nacimiento-Fergusson Road) in the NW ¼ of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 5 East, as shown on the attached map.

   d. Forest Road No. 19S09.3 (Arroyo Seco – Indians Road) from the gate in the SW ¼ of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 5 East near Memorial Park Campground continuing generally northwest for approximately 2.8 miles to the gate in the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 4 East near Escondido Campground.

   e. Forest Road No. 19S09D (Escondido Campground Road) from its intersection with Forest Road No. 19S09.3 (Arroyo Seco – Indians Road) in the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 21 South, Range 4 East continuing generally west for approximately 0.2 mile to its terminus in the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 21 South, Range 4 East.

2. Entering or using the following campgrounds, as shown on the attached map:

   a. Chalk Peak Campground.
b. Escondido Campground.

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

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

1. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

2. 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.

3. Owners or lessees of private land within the boundaries of the National Forest, to the extent reasonably necessary to gain access to their land.

4. Persons with a U.S. Forest Service contract, special use permit, or partnership agreement authorizing work on the closed roads or closed recreation sites, and their employees, sub-contractors, and agents, to the extent necessary to perform the authorized work.

5. Employees, contractors, agents, and cooperators of the Department of Plant Pathology, University of California at Davis, who are conducting research on Sudden Oak Death pursuant to Agreement No. 19-DG-11052021-209, to the extent reasonably necessary to gain access to research plots within the Dolan Fire footprint.

6. Persons walking between Forest Trail No. 4E08 (Lost Valley Trail) and Forest Road No. 19S09.3 (Arroyo Seco – Indians Road) may travel on Forest Road No. 19S09D (Escondido Campground Road) through Escondido Campground, but may not use the campground.

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 Solvang, California this 29th day of July 2021.

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