

**Order No. 01-14-03**  
**POWERHOUSE FIRE CLOSURE**  
**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from March 21, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Powerhouse Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within Powerhouse Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Powerhouse Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Owners or lessees of private land within the Powerhouse Fire Closure Area are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.
3. Persons who reside on private land within the Powerhouse Fire Closure Area are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent necessary to gain access to their residences.
4. Persons with a special use permit or contract from the Forest Service authorizing work within the Powerhouse Fire Closure Area and their employees, sub-contractors, or agents, are exempt from the prohibitions listed above to the extent authorized by the special use permit or contract.
5. 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 CFR 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 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Arcadia, California, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014.



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Thomas A. Contreras  
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Angeles National Forest

Date: March 21, 2014

To: File

From: Thomas A. Contreras, Forest Supervisor

Re: Powerhouse Fire Closure, Forest Order No. 01-14-03

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for issuing a closure Order for the Powerhouse Fire Area on the Angeles National Forest (refer to attached map). This closure will be in effect from March 21, 2014, until December 31, 2014.

The purpose of this closure is to provide for public safety and facilitate resource recovery efforts. The burned areas of the Powerhouse Fire have not had enough precipitation to support vegetative recovery and therefore the soils are not stable enough to prevent landslide events and/or erosion. Roads and trails are impacted by the recent rain event(s) and erosion has increased, preventing safe passage by people and vehicles. Gates have been installed to prevent access by the public until road and trail damage can be assessed and addressed.

The unburned areas of the Powerhouse Fire closure area were impacted by suppression efforts and due to a lack of precipitation, the dozer lines have not been able to re-vegetate and recover from the suppression damages. These dozer lines are at risk for erosion that could impact human use along forest roads.

I have 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.

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**Exhibit A**

The Powerhouse Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of Bouquet Canyon Rd. and Elizabeth Lake Rd. in Township 6 North, Range 13 West, Section 17, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), then continues west along Lake Elizabeth Rd. to its intersection with Lake Hughes Rd. in Township 7 North, Range 17 West, Section 22, SBBM, then continues west along Pine Canyon Rd. to its intersection with The Ridge Route in Township 8 North, Range 17 West, Section 32; SBBM, then continues north along The Ridge Route to its intersection with CA HWY. 138 in Township 8 North, Range 18 West, Section 24, SBBM, then continues west to its intersection with Interstate 5 in Township 8 North, Range 18 West, Section 28, SBBM, then continues south along Interstate 5 to its intersection with Templin Hwy in Township 6 North, Range 17 West, Section 33, SBBM, then continues east along Templin Hwy. to Forest Rd. No. 6N32 (Fish Canyon Rd.) in Township 6 North, Range 17 West, Section 15, SBBM, then continues east along the southern edge of Forest Road No. 6N32 to its intersection with Lake Hughes Rd. in Township 6 North, Range 16 West, Section 15, SBBM, then continues south along Lake Hughes Rd. to its intersection with Forest Rd. No. 6N24 (Ruby Canyon Rd.) in Township 6 North, Range 16 West, Section 15, SBBM, then continues east along the southern edge of Forest Road No. 6N24 to its intersection with San Francisquito Canyon Rd. in Township 6 North, Range 15 West, Section 22, SBBM, then continues north along San Francisquito Canyon Rd to its intersection with Forest Rd. No. 6N16, then continues east along Forest Road No. 6N14 to its intersection with Spunky Canyon Rd. in Township 6 North, Range 14 West, Section 20, SBBM, then continues east along Spunky Canyon Rd. to its intersection with Bouquet Canyon Rd. in Township 6 North, Range 14 West, Section 28, SBBM, then continues east along Bouquet Canyon Rd. back to the starting point, as shown on Exhibit B.

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