

Order No. 01-14-04
AREA CLOSURE
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST
OCCUPANCY AND USE

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Los Angeles River Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from August 1, 2014, through July 31, 2015.

Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Eaton Canyon Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.53(e).

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. 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 contained in 36 CFR 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 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Arcadia, California, this 10th day of July, 2014.



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Date: July 10, 2014

Memorandum for the Record

From: Thomas A. Contreras, Forest Supervisor 

RE: Forest Order 01-14-04

I have decided to issue a Forest Order closing a portion of the Eaton Canyon Falls area. This closure will allow the Forest to address on-going safety issues in the area through public education. The waterfalls in Eaton Canyon have been used by the public for years. There is no infrastructure (National Forest System trails or roads) for the public to use to access the falls.

In recent years, there have been a number of accidents associated with public visitation of a waterfall located south of Mt. Lowe Peak, east of the water tank (commonly called the "upper falls"). Access to the upper falls is steep and can be dangerous, and some hikers get lost, tumble off the narrow ridges and rocky outcroppings, and slip and fall into the rushing water. Between 2011 and 2013, there have been many rescues (approximately one-half involving helicopter rescue) and several fatalities at or near this waterfall. As such, I have determined that usage of and access to the upper falls area poses a health and safety risk to members of the public as well as first responders to the emergencies.

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.

Scoping was held with interested stakeholders, including but not limited to Los Angeles County Supervisor District 5 Office, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County Fire and Forestry Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue, and Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Public notice of implementation will be provided through News Media Releases, Public Meetings, Forest Service websites, and Forest Service office and field postings.



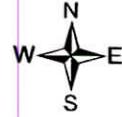
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Exhibit A

The boundary of the Eaton Canyon Closure Area begins at the intersection of the Altadena Crest Trail and the user-created Lower Eaton Canyon Falls Trail, at the southwest corner of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 12 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM), then continues westerly along the Altadena Crest Trail for approximately 1700 feet, then continues north along the ridgeline for approximately 1950 feet to its intersection with the water tank located south-southeast of Mt. Lowe Peak, then continues easterly along the drainage to its intersection with the western bank of the Eaton Canyon Creek, then continues northerly along the western bank of the Eaton Canyon Creek to its intersection with Upper Eaton Canyon Falls, then continues northeasterly along the western edge of Upper Eaton Canyon Falls to its intersection with the western bank of Eaton Canyon Creek, then continues easterly along the northern bank of Eaton Canyon Creek to its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 12 West, SBBM, then continues south along the section line 1000 feet, then continues west along the ridgeline to its intersection with the eastern edge of the user-created Lower Eaton Canyon Falls Trail, then continues north and westerly along the eastern edge of the user-created Lower Eaton Canyon Falls Trail to its intersection with Lower Eaton Canyon Falls, then continues northwesterly and then southeasterly along the pool at the base of Lower Eaton Canyon Falls to its intersection with the western edge of the user-created Lower Eaton Canyon Falls Trail, then continues south and easterly along the western edge of the user-created Lower Eaton Canyon Falls Trail, back to the starting point.

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1 in = 833 feet



 Closed to Public Entry

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