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From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor 

On July 26, 2014, the El Portal Fire started near the community of El Portal, CA, and is burning in Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest. Active fire and fire suppression efforts make public access unsafe. Firefighting efforts include firefighters using equipment and vehicles that must negotiate and use the roads and trails unhindered. Tree snags and burning vegetation in the fire area present unsafe conditions for public use.

As a result, I have decided to close public access to the El Portal Fire area. This order will be in effect until the El Portal Fire is declared out.

Scoping determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these prohibitions.

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.

cc: Stanislaus LEI Patrol Captain, Heidi Rieck or Acting designee





**Order No. STF 2014-07  
EI Portal Fire Closure  
Stanislaus National Forest**



Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Groveland Ranger Districts of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from August 2, 2014 until the EI Portal Fire is declared out.

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

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the 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.

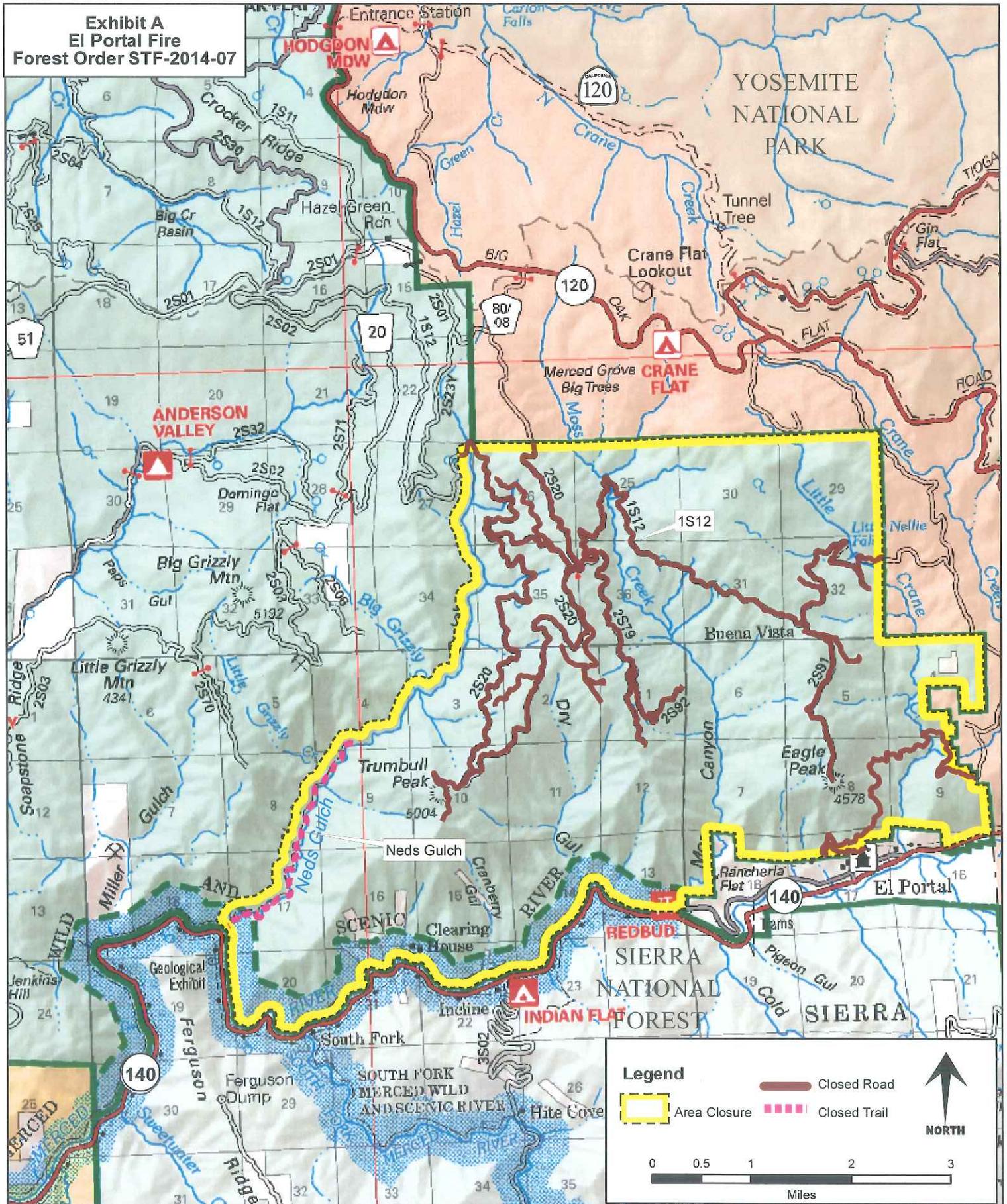
These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

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.

Executed in Sonora California, this 1st day of August, 2014.

**SUSAN SKALSKI**  
Forest Supervisor  
Stanislaus National Forest

**Exhibit A**  
**El Portal Fire**  
**Forest Order STF-2014-07**



**Legend**

- Closed Road
- Area Closure
- Closed Trail





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Exhibit B**



The EI Portal Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the boundary line of the Stanislaus National Forest at its intersection with the boundary of Yosemite National Park and Highway 140, then continues west along the north edge of Highway 140 to its intersection with the boundary of Stanislaus National Forest, then continues west along the Stanislaus National Forest Boundary to Ned Gulch, then continues northeast along Ned Gulch to its intersection with Forest Road 1S12 and the Stanislaus National Forest boundary, then continues east and south along the Stanislaus National Forest boundary back to the starting point.