

**USDA Forest Service
Angeles National Forest
Forest Order No. 01-14-06**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited in the San Gabriel River Ranger District of the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from August 21, 2014, through August 20, 2015.

Being on the Mt. Baldy Trail (Forest Trail No. 237W12), from Bear Flat north to the Mt. San Antonio Summit, as shown on the attached map. 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 specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of any 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 20th day of August, 2014.



Thomas A. Contreras
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Angeles National Forest



File Code: 2670
Route To: File

Date: August 20, 2014

Subject: Forest Order – Mt. Baldy Trail Closure

From: Tom Contreras, Forest Supervisor *T.C.*

A recent isolated thunderstorm storm in the Mt. Baldy area caused significant damage to the Mt. Baldy community, and the surrounding trails. As a result, the Mt. Baldy Trail (7W12) which runs from the Mt. Baldy Village (at Bear Canyon), 6.4 miles north along the Sheep Mountain Wilderness boundary to the summit of Mt. San Antonio experienced significant damage. The trail is closed from Bear Flat (as shown on the attached map) to the summit of Mt. San Antonio.

It is my decision to issue a Forest Order closing a portion of the Mt. Baldy Trail due to significant damage from the storm and resulting public safety concerns. The need for this action is based on the need to provide for public safety. A one mile section of the trail remains heavily damaged, with scattered damaged portions throughout. The heavily damaged areas of the trail make it difficult to navigate through the area due to heavy rutting and complete washouts.

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.

Public Notice of this action will be accomplished through News Releases, Web Page and Forest Service Office postings.

The Order will be effective on August 21, 2014.



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Mt. Baldy Trail Closure



Mount San Antonio and Mount Baldy Quadrangles
Trail No. 7W12

— Closed Trail

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