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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 burned 4,689 acres much of which is located in the Stanislaus National Forest. Three roads are not negotiable by vehicles and present unsafe conditions for vehicle use but do not pose the same risks to non-motorized activities. The roads are scattered with natural debris, downed trees, and rocks. In addition, a bridge burned making vehicle passage impossible and posing a dangerous road condition for motor vehicles.

As a result, I have decided to prohibit motor vehicle use on Forest Road Nos. 1S12, 2S84, and 2S91. This order will be in effect until August 27, 2015.

Scoping with our external partners in the National Park Service did not reveal any concerns about the action. We have 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 2014-11  
El Portal Road Closure  
Stanislaus National Forest**



Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Groveland Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from August 28, 2014 until August 27, 2015.

Using a motor vehicle on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on the attached map.

1. Forest Road No. 1S12, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S91 continuing east to its end point.
2. Forest Road No. 2S91, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S12 continuing south to its end point.
3. Forest Road No. 2S84, from its intersection with the Stanislaus National Forest boundary in Section 17, T3N R20E, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, then continuing northeast to its intersection with the Stanislaus National Forest Boundary in Section 9, T3N R20E, MDBM.
4. Forest Road No. 2S84, from its intersection with the Stanislaus National Forest Boundary at the section line between Sections 32 and 33, T2S R20E, MDBM, then continuing west to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S12.

36 CFR 261.54(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.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions 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.

Executed in Sonora California, this 27th day of August, 2014.



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SUSAN SKALSKI

Forest Supervisor

Stanislaus National Forest

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