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Subject: Order No. 15-01
Los Padres National Forest
National Forest System Road and Trail Closure

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From: Robert Baird, Forest Supervisor *RMB*

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing an area closure on Dome Springs Road (8N40), part of the Dry Canyon area, and Dome Springs Campground. This closure will be in effect from March 4, 2015 until June 1, 2015.

The Dry Canyon Artillery Range was used as an artillery training range by the United States Army in the 1940s. The Army Corps of Engineers conducted a remedial evaluation in December 2014 of the Dry Canyon area and munitions and explosives of concern have been observed at the site. Munitions and debris found in the area have included a 37mm base detonating fuze, debris from 37mm Mk1, 105mm M1 artillery rounds, and a complete 37mm Mk1 round.

In order for additional evaluations and cleanup to occur at the site, I have determined that a closure of Dome Springs Road (8N40), part of the Dry Canyon area, and Dome Springs Campground is the most viable course of action considering the hazards and potential for public exposure.

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.

