

ORDER NO. 15-09
EMERGENCY CLOSURE
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Ojai and Mount Pinos Ranger Districts, within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from August 4, 2015 through October 1, 2015.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Chorro Fire Closure Area as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B. 36 CFR 261.52(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Chorro Fire Closure Area as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Chorro Fire Closure Area as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

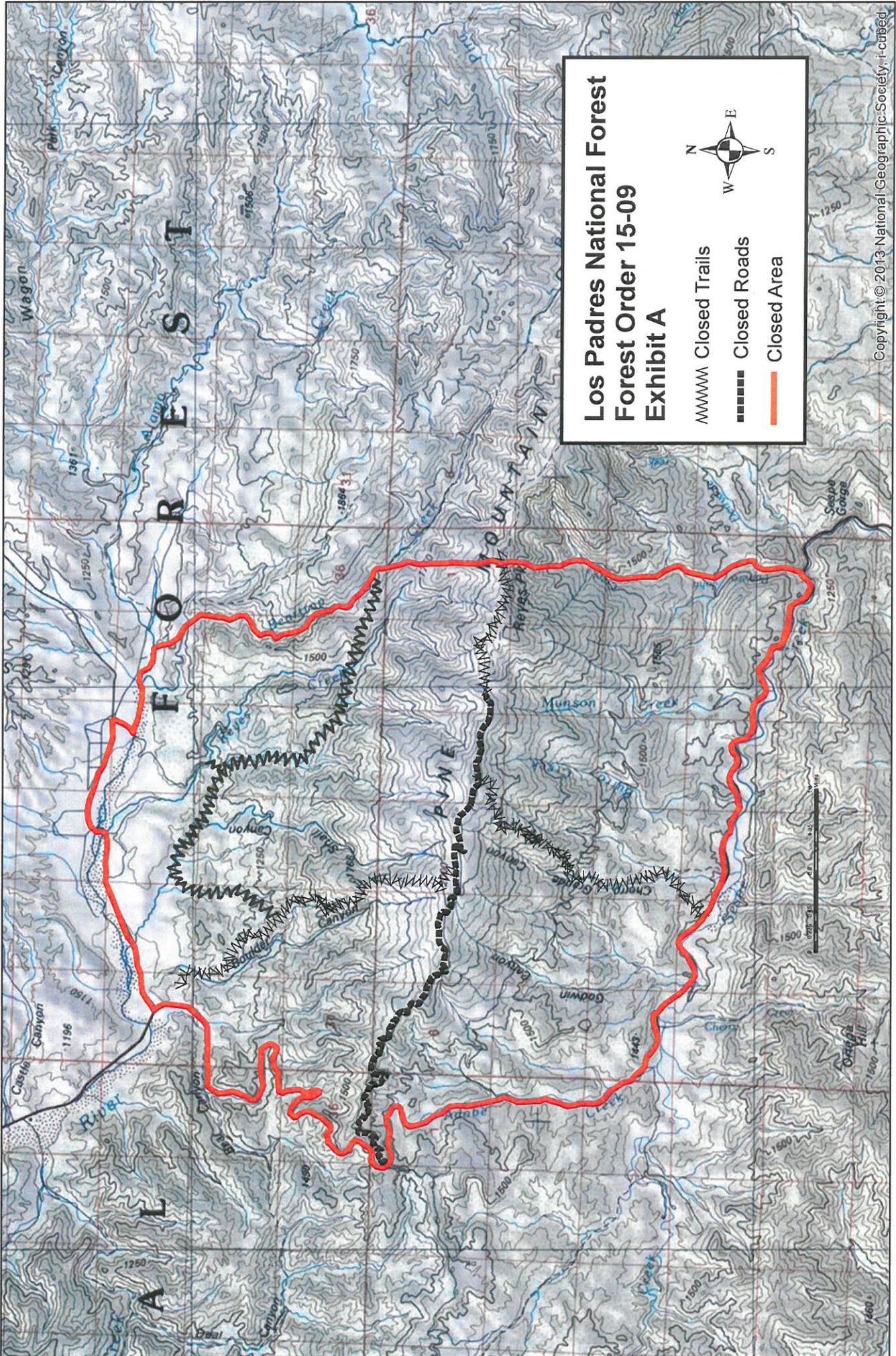
These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

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.

Done at Goleta, California this 3rd day of August 2015.



Robert A. Baird
Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest



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EXHIBIT B

The boundary of the Chorro Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of California State Highway 33 and Lockwood Valley Road; Section 19 of Township 7 North, Range 23 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM); then continues south along Highway 33 to its intersection with Potrero John Creek in Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 23 West, SBBM; Then continues north along Potrero John Creek to its intersection with the Reyes Peak ridgeline; then continues due north to its intersection with Beartrap Campground on the Gene Marshall Trail (Forest Trail No. 22W03); then continues northwest along the Gene Marshall Trail to its intersection with Beartrap Creek; Then continues north along Beartrap Creek to its intersection with Sheidack Road (Forest Road No. 7N11); then continues north along Sheidack Road to its intersection with Lockwood Valley Road; then continues west along Lockwood Valley Road back to its starting point as shown in Exhibit A.

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Date: August 3, 2015

Subject: Forest Order 15-09 – Chorro Fire Area, Road & Trail Closure

From: Robert A. Baird, Forest Supervisor *RAB*

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety to close the area burning as a result of the Chorro Fire within the Los Padres National Forest. The Chorro Fire has been a fast growing fire and weather conditions are such that the fire is likely to continue to grow. In addition, there is limited road access to the area creating a potential for visitors to become trapped. Closure of the fire area is necessary to help ensure that no one is injured within the fire perimeter. The National Forest System roads and trails within the burned area will also be closed due to fire suppression activities that create a hazard to the public.

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.