

ORDER NO. 15-11
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 Santa Lucia Ranger District, within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from September 10, 2015 through December 1, 2015.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Cuesta 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 Cuesta Fire Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Cuesta 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:

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 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 10th day of September 2015.



Robert A. Baird
Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest

File Code: 2670

Date: September 10, 2015

Route To: File

Subject: Forest Order 15-11– Cuesta Fire Area, Road & Trail Closure

From: Robert A. Baird, Forest Supervisor

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety to close the area burning as a result of the Cuesta Fire within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order revises Order No. 15-10 to reflect the area that is still burning, and the area where firefighters are conducting resource rehabilitation operations. Closure of the fire area is necessary to help ensure public and firefighter safety within the fire perimeter. The National Forest System roads and trails within the Forest Order area will also be closed due to fire suppression and resource rehabilitation 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.

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EXHIBIT B

The boundary of the Cuesta Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of East Cuesta Road (Forest Road No. 30S10) and the Los Padres National Forest boundary located in Township 30 South, Range 12 East, Section 6, Mt Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north and then east along the Los Padres National Forest boundary to its intersection with Township 30 South, Range 13 East, Section 13, then continues south following the 13 East Range line to its intersection with the Los Padres National Forest boundary at Township 30 South, Range 13 East, Section 25, then continues west along the Los Padres National Forest boundary back to its starting point, as shown on Exhibit A.

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Exhibit A

-  Closed Trail
-  Closed Road
-  Closed Area

