

**ORDER NO. 08-12-09**  
**Mill Fire Closure**  
**MENDOCINO 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 within the Grindstone Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest. This Order is effective from 6:00 p.m. on July 28, 2012, through May 31, 2013:

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Mill Fire Closure Area. The Mill Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the National Forest boundary west of Stonyford, then continues west along County Road No. 43A to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N02, then continues southeast to the Mill Valley Campground, then continues south along Forest Road No. 17N12, then continues south to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N02, then continues south to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N14, then continues south to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N02, then continues east to its intersection with Forest Road No. M5, then continues east to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N93, then continues east to its intersection with County Road No. 42, then continues northeasterly along County Road No. 42 to the National Forest boundary, then continues north along the National Forest boundary back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.52(e).
  2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Mill Fire Closure Area or listed below, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
    - a. Forest Road No. 17N12.
    - b. Forest Road No. 16N28 (Off Highway Vehicle Trail 01) from its intersection with County Road No. 42, then south to Forest Road No. 16N06.
  3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Mill Fire Closure Area or listed below, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).
    - a. Forest Trail No. 03 (Off Highway Vehicle Trail 03) from its intersection with Forest Road No. M5, then north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N02.
    - b. Forest Trail No. 07 (Off Highway Vehicle Trail No. 07).
    - c. Forest Trail No. 11 (Off Highway Vehicle Trail No. 11).
    - d. Forest Trail No. 41 (Off Highway Vehicle Trail No. 41).
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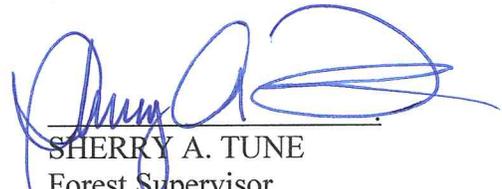
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

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 fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Residents in the Mill Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
4. Owners or lessees of land in the Mill Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their land.

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 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Willows, California, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July of 2012.



SHERRY A. TUNE  
Forest Supervisor  
Mendocino National Forest

This Order supersedes Order No. 08-12-07, dated July 9, 2012.

DATE: July 27, 2012

TO: File

FROM: Sherry A. Tune, Forest Supervisor



RE: Mendocino National Forest, Mill Fire Area Closure

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing a closure order for the Mill Fire on the Mendocino National Forest (refer to attached map).

The Mill Fire on the Mendocino National Forest is approximately 29,502 acres. The fire began near Mill Valley Campground and continued to move to the east toward the Fouts Springs area and south towards Goat Mountain Road in Colusa County and the town of Stonyford. Currently the fire is contained but not controlled and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The purpose of this closure is to provide for public safety, facilitate fire suppression repair, stabilization of roads and trails, resource protection, and is enacted pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261.50 (a) and (b) – “Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.” This restriction is necessary for the purposes of ensuring public safety and resource protection. Forest roads and trails within the closure area will be closed. Some additional trails and roads, as shown on the attached map, will be closed to allow them to recover from repair work done on them. Closure of these roads and trails will be necessary to allow consolidation of soils in treads and drainage structures, so treads and structures can better withstand OHV traffic, and to decrease the potential for sediment delivery and damage to these trails and roads. This closure will remain in effect until the roads and trails affected by the fire have had a chance to season over.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS (per FSH 1909.15, Section 31.12, Item 1). This is not a project or activity implementing a land and resource management plan that is documented in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. A case file or Decision Memo is not required for categories of action under this section. No extraordinary circumstances exist.

I have determined that the above facts are accurate and consistent with current laws and regulations.

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-  Closed Trails
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-  Closure Boundary
-  Fire Perimeter



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