

**ORDER NO. 08-13-09**  
**ROAD & TRAIL CLOSURE**  
**MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Mendocino National Forest. This Order is effective from November 26, 2013, until the Highglade fire is fully suppressed.

Being on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on the attached map.

- a. Forest Road No. 16N01 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N11, then south to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N30.
- b. Forest Road No. 17N11 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N01, then northeast to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N04.
- c. Forest Road No. 17N04 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N11, then south to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N76.
- d. Forest Road No. 16N76 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N37, then northeast to its intersection with Forest Road No. 17N04.
- e. Forest Road No. 16N37 from its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N01, then east to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N76.
- f. Forest Road No. 16N30 from the Forest Boundary, then east to its intersection with Forest Road No. 16N01.

36 CFR 261.54(e).

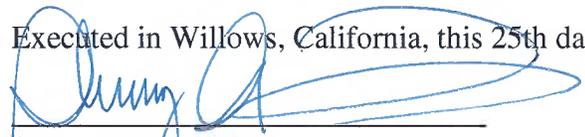
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

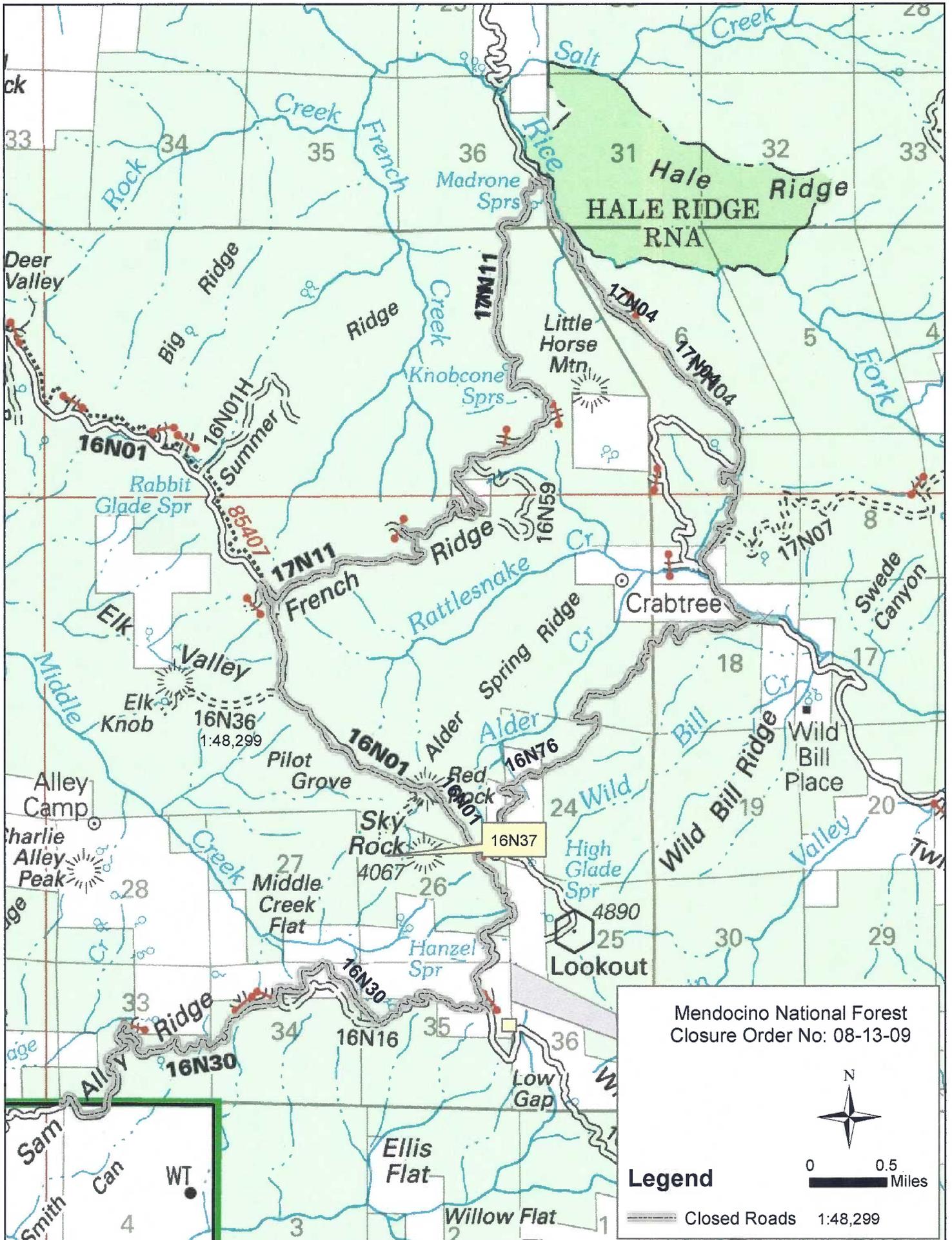
1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Residents requiring use of the closed roads, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting 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 6 months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Willows, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

  
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**Sherry A. Tune**  
Forest Supervisor  
Mendocino National Forest



DATE: November 25, 2013

TO: File

FROM: Sherry A. Tune, Forest Supervisor



RE: Mendocino National Forest, Highglade, Road, and Trail Closure

This document explains my rationale and the regulatory basis for implementing a closure order for the Highglade Fire on the Mendocino National Forest (refer to attached map). The fire is currently approximately 400 acres, is not contained, and suppression efforts are ongoing.

The purpose of this closure is to provide for fire fighter and public safety. This Order 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.” Due to heavy suppression traffic and expectations of high motorized use along these roads, closing these roads is necessary to minimize conflicts between suppression traffic and visitor traffic.

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. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 215.4 and 36 CFR 218) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

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