ORDER NO. 14-01
FIRE USE RESTRICTIONS
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from January 11, 2014, through the end of the official 2014 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the Designated Campfire Use Sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within the Designated Campfire Use Sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(d).

3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order. 36 CFR 261.52(j).

4. Discharging a firearm. 36 CFR 261.58(m).

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. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire permit may use portable lanterns or stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel within the Los Padres National Forest.

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

4. Persons hunting a legal game bird or mammal are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for that bird or mammal as specified by the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

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 January, 2014.

Peggy Hernandez
Forest Supervisor
Los Padres National Forest

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FIRE USE RESTRICTIONS
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST
EXHIBIT A
Designated Campfire Use Sites

Monterey Ranger District

Arroyo Seco Campground / Group Camp
Arroyo Seco Day Use Area
Bottchers Gap Campground
China Camp
Escondido Campground
Kirk Creek Campground
Naciamiento Campground
Mill Creek Day Use Area
Plaskett Creek Campground / Group Camp
Ponderosa Campground
Sand Dollar Day Use Area
Santa Lucia Memorial Park Campground
White Oaks Camp

Ojai Ranger District

Holiday Group Campground
Middle Lion Campground
Pine Mountain Campground
Reyes Peak Campground
Rose Valley Campground
Wheeler Gorge Campground

Santa Lucia Ranger District

American Canyon Campground
Baja Campground
Bates Canyon Campground
Brookshire Campground
Buck Spring Campground
Cerro Alto Campground
Colson Campground
Cumbre Day Use Area
Davy Brown Campground
Figueroa Campground
Friis Campground
Hi Mountain Campground
Horseshoe Spring Campground
La Panza Campground
Miranda Pine Campground
Navajo Campground
Navajo OHV Staging Area
Nira Campground
Pino Alto Day Use Area

Mount Pinos Ranger District

Aliso Park Campground
Ballinger Campground
Caballo Campground
Campo Alto Campground
Chuchupate Campground
Chula Vista Campground
Dome Springs Campground
Dutchman Campground
Halfmoon Campground
Kings Camp Campground
Marian Campground
McGill Campground
McGill Group Campground
Mt. Pinos Campground
Nettle Springs Campground
Pine Springs Campground
Rancho Nuevo Campground
Reyes Creek Campground
Thorn Meadows Campground
Tinta Campground
Toad Springs Campground
Valle Vista Campground

Santa Barbara Ranger District

Falls Day Use Area
Fremont Campground
Live Oak Day Use Area
Los Prietos Campground
Lower Oso Day Use Area
Paradise Campground
Red Rock Day Use Area
Sage Hill Campground
Upper Oso Campground
White Rock Day Use Area
Rock Camp
P-Bar Flat Campground
Mono Campground
Middle Santa Ynez Campground

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Los Padres National Forest
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Date: January 10, 2014

Subject: Order No. 14-01
Los Padres National Forest
Fire Use Restriction

To: File

From: Peggy Hernandez, Forest Supervisor PH

Due to an abnormally dry winter, the extreme dry fuel moistures and predicted fire weather forecasts the forest now needs to limit fire use. In order to protect the natural resources and public safety, I am imposing fire restrictions throughout the forest on January 11, 2014 through the end of the 2014 fire season.

By restricting open fires it is less likely that an escaped campfire will accidentally cause a wildland fire. Therefore, I will restrict fire use to those designated campfire use sites listed on Exhibit A.

In addition, I will restrict smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a designated campfire use sites on Exhibit A.

I will also restrict operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Zone "A" rifle deer season which includes the majority of the Los Padres National Forest opens August 2014. Zone "D-13" which includes the Mt Pinos District opens October 2014. Due to the numerous shooting related fires last season, recreational shooting is not permitted unless specifically authorized to do so. However, a person hunting during the open hunting season for a bird or mammal as specified in the laws of the State of California, and having a valid California hunting license in his or her possession may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

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) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.