



## Public Access

Within the Explanatory Statement - Division G - Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 that accompanied the Appropriations Act of 2024 the Forest Service received the following direction:

*In lieu of House direction, the Forest Service shall report to the Committees, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, all trail and road closures in the Cleveland National Forest and when available, cite reasoning for closures and restrictions such as, but not limited to, seasonal closures for weather or wildlife habitat, for timber harvest or prescribed fire operations, ongoing resource damage, or public health and safety concerns.*

### Current Status:

Table 1 Road and Trail Closures within the Cleveland National Forest

<u>Road/Trail</u>	<u>District*</u>	<u>Miles Closed</u>	<u>Reason for Closure</u>
Eagle Peak Trail (03E05)	PRD	1.5	Intermittent occupancy and use closures for public safety based on environmental conditions (National Weather Service (NWS) heat advisories & warnings) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b).
Three Sisters Trail (03E04)	PRD	2.1	Intermittent occupancy and use closures for public safety based on environmental conditions (NWS heat advisories & warnings) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b).
San Diego River Gorge Trail (02E04)	PRD	3	Intermittent occupancy and use closures for public safety based on environmental conditions (NWS heat advisories & warnings) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b).
Saddleback Trail (13S06)	PRD	2.8	Intermittent occupancy and use closures for public safety based on environmental conditions (NWS heat advisories & warnings) pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b).
Harding Truck Trail (5S08)	TRD	9.5	Private landowner on western terminus; only closed to vehicular access by public
Trabuco Canyon (6S13)	TRD	2.94	Pending road contract for damaged stream crossings replacement; ongoing trails work up-canyon, with limited staging and parking areas. Only closed to vehicular access by public.

Holy Jim Canyon (6S14)	TRD	0.4	Ongoing trails work up-canyon; limited staging and parking areas. Only closed to vehicular access by public.
Holy Jim Trail (6W03)	TRD	4.5	Trail reconstruction. Completion expected end of September 2024. Use discouraged; not closed under order.
Trabuco Trail (6W04)	TRD	3.4	Trail reconstruction pending. Work expected to be implemented 2025. Use discouraged; not closed under order.
West Horsethief Trail (6W11)	TRD	2.6	Trail reconstruction pending. Work expected to be implemented 2025. Use discouraged; not closed under order.
Miners Road (15S21)	DRD	2.21	Currently closed for gate maintenance following recent gate vandalism and resource damage to Endangered Species Critical Habitat. Likely to reopen in mid-August when risk to impacted species is reduced due to the conclusion of the breeding season.
Pine Mountain Road (14S02)	DRD	2.79	Road previously closed due to unsafe road condition resulting from deferred maintenance in the avoidance of archaeological site. Implementation of engineered solution to protection of archaeological site has occurred. Adjacent Tribal landowner has expressed a conflicting opinion regarding the legal status of the road. Currently pending OGC guidance on status of road prior to reopening.

*\*DRD=Descanso Ranger District; PRD=Palomar Ranger District; and TRD = Trabuco Ranger District.*

Table 2 Restoration of Closed Areas Projects and their projected timeline

<b><u>Project Name or Road/ Area being restored</u></b>	<b><u>Short description of work being done</u></b>	<b><u>Timeline of project</u></b>
Trabuco Canyon (6S13)	Replacement of three low water crossings	3 phases of work; 2024, 2025, 2026.
Holy Jim Trail (6W03)	Disaster Recovery-funded reconstruction of trail, post 2018 Holy Fire	Reconstruction in progress. Completion expected end of September 2024.
Trabuco Trail (6W04)	Disaster Recovery-funded reconstruction of trail, post 2018 Holy Fire	Inventory complete; in environmental review. Implementation expected in 2025.
West Horsethief Trail (6W11)	Disaster Recovery-funded reconstruction of trail, post 2018 Holy Fire	Inventory complete; in environmental review. Implementation expected in 2025.
Pine Mountain Road (14S02)	Consulting with OGC regarding the legal status of the road following a challenge from local Tribal member	Determination regarding the legal status of the road should be concluded in CY2024. Future project to formalize legal status may be required.
Miners Road (15S21)	Gate repair needed	Repair estimated to occur in 2024.