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Washburn Fire closes 4 roads and small part of Sierra National Forest

CLOVIS, Calif. July 13, 2022 – The Washburn Fire is now active on the Sierra National Forest. To aid firefighters and protect public safety during the Washburn Fire, Forest Routes 5S43, 5S06 (Mt. Raymond Rd.), 5S22 and 5S37 have been closed to the public. Please see the attached map.

A week ago on July 7, 2022, a wildfire ignited in Yosemite National Park on the Washburn Trail. The Washburn Fire has now grown to more than 3,772 acres and is currently at 17% containment. The Fire is predicted to impact wilderness, main forest roads and areas of recreation more within the coming days. This will call for continued significant firefighting and Forest Service resources to help fight the Washburn Fire. For these reasons, these areas and roads near the southern boundary of Yosemite National Park need to be closed for the safety of public visitors and fire personnel. The lands affected are less than 1% of the 1.3 million acre Sierra National Forest.

This Forest Order 05-15-00-22-14 will be effective from July 13, 2022, through August 1, 2022. USFS law enforcement will be on patrol, and thanks people for avoiding the closure area to protect firefighter and public safety.

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