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Emergency closure on the Six Rivers National Forest

Eureka, California, August 10, 2022-- For the purposes of public and firefighter safety, on August 10th, 2022, the Six Rivers National Forest implemented an emergency area closure area for all roads, trails, and land on the Lower Trinity Ranger District in response to the SRF Lightning Complex Fire. The fire closure is necessary to promote public safety in the area impacted by the SRF Lightning Complex Fire. Extreme fire behavior and fire perimeter spread are unpredictable, and they pose a serious threat to individuals who are near an uncontrolled fire. Aircraft fire suppression tactics such as retardant drops and water buckets also pose a safety risk to the public. The area closure will keep the public out of the Fire's potential pathway, reduce the risk of human-caused fire, allow unobstructed movement of fire suppression personnel, thereby reducing the risk of public injury or death and improving firefighter effectiveness.

This temporary closure is meant to protect the safety of both firefighters and the public during wildfire suppression and suppression repair efforts. It is unsafe to be near wildfires due to unpredictable changes in wind, rolling fire debris, poor visibility, and narrow roads busy with emergency vehicle traffic. Only fire personnel are allowed to go into or be upon National Forest land within the emergency closure area. Forest visitors are encouraged to seek alternative destinations. As conditions change, the Six Rivers National Forest will continue to update this closure area.

A map of the closure area and a signed copy of the closure area: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices>

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