



Forest Service News Release

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North-South Road “HARD” Road Closure

Placerville, Calif, June 26, 2023 – Starting July 5, 2023, through the end of July, a 3-mile segment of the North-South Road on Placerville Road will be temporarily closed to facilitate the cutting and removal of hazardous trees associated with the Caldor Fire. For your safety and the safety of others, please plan your travel accordingly, it is advisable to seek alternative routes.

This temporary road closure will be a “HARD” closure to the extent that the equipment being used to extract the felled timber from the adjacent slopes must be positioned on the travel way of the North-South Road. For safety reasons, the logging equipment must be “guy-wired” to the adjacent slopes and is quite large and not readily mobile, thus traffic will not be able to pass thru the closed area either day or night during the temporary closure period.

The North-South Road closure will begin at the Capps Crossing and North-South intersection and extend along the North-South Road to the intersection with Plummer Ridge Road (09N16). Informational signs will be placed at the following major intersections advising of the road closure:

1. Mormon-Emigrant Road and the North-South Road intersection.
2. North-South Road and Capps Crossing Road intersection.
3. Leoni Road and North-South Road intersection.
4. Omo Ranch Road and North-South Road intersection.
5. Leoni Road and Leoni Meadows Camp intersection.

In addition to the informational signs mentioned above, barricades will be placed across the full road width at the:

1. Capps Crossing and North-South Road intersection and at the
2. Plumber Ridge and North-South intersection.

At the location of the barricades, there is plenty of room for large vehicles, including vehicles with large trailers to turn around.

Detour signs will be placed at the following locations to direct drivers on alternative routes around the temporarily closed segment of the North-South Road:

1. North-South Road and Capps Crossing Road intersection will have detour signs directing drivers to the Mormon Emigrant Road and to Grizzly Flat.
2. Leoni Road and the North-South Road intersection will have detour signs directing drivers to the Omo Ranch Road or to Grizzly Flat.

The above temporary closures will not affect access to the Capps Campground area or the PiPi Campground area. Please note that Capps Campground is CLOSED.

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Additional areas along the Leoni Road, the North-South Road, and the Capps Crossing Road will have future short-term closures or delays to allow for additional hazard trees to be cut and removed. It is expected that these additional closures or delays will be of short duration and affect only short segments of the affected roads. These additional closures or delays will be announced and appropriately signed when they go into effect, but none are expected until late July.

If traveling to the Eldorado National Forest, please be prepared and know before you go by visiting our website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado>

For all projects occurring on the Eldorado National Forest please go to: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/caenf-2023-eldorado-national-forest-projects>

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