Forest Order No. 0513-24-13

USDA FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

Trout Fire Area, Trails, and Roads Closure

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Kern River Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. This order is effective from July 29, 2024, to August 12, 2024.

- 1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System lands within the Trout Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 C.F.R. §261.52(e).
- 2. Being on any National Forest System Trail within the Trout Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).
- 3. Being on any National Forest System Road within the Trout Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 C.F.R § 261.54(e).
- 4. Entering or using any Developed Recreation Site within the Trout Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(b)

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
- 3. Owners or lessees of land in the area, to the extent necessary to access their property.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. 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 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Porterville, California, this 26th day of July, 2024.

ANTHONY EDWARDS Forest Supervisor Sequoia National Forest

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EXHIBIT A

The Trout Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the intersection of the Sequoia National Forest Boundary and Sierra Way (Mtn 99) in Section 14, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian, then continues approximately 76.5 miles south, east, north, and west along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the North Fork of the Kern River in Section 1, T. 20 S., R. 34 E., MDB&M, then continues approximately 24 miles south along the Kern River to its intersection with Mtn 99 in Section 35, T. 22 S., Range 32 E., MDB&M, then continues along Mtn 99 approximately 20.3 miles to the starting point.

