

Forest Order No. 0513-24-20

USDA FOREST SERVICE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

2024 SQF Lightning Fires 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 August 16, 2024, through August 30, 2024.

1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System lands within the 2024 SQF Lightning 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 2024 SQF Lightning Fires 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 2024 SQF Lightning Fires 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 2024 SQF Lightning Fires 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 15th day of August, 2024.

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