



Forest Order No. 17-24-19
USDA FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION
TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST
Bear Fire Area, Road, and Trail 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 Sierraville Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest. This Order is effective beginning at 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on September 3, 2024, through December 31st, 2024.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Bear Fire Closure Area, as described below and shown in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

The Bear Fire Closure Area includes Tahoe National Forest National Forest System Lands east of State Highway 89 and north of Sierra County Road 450 (Hennes Pass Road) at their intersection. The closure area boundary travels north along State Highway 89 until it reaches end of National Forest System Lands south of Sierraville. The closure continues generally east and then north along the forest boundary to the Antelope Valley State Wildlife Area. At the eastern most boundary with the Antelope Valley State Wildlife Area the closure boundary then travels generally east along the forest boundary to its junction to the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest. At that junction the closure boundary travels generally south along the Tahoe National Forest boundary to the junction of the Truckee Ranger District where the closure boundary travels west along County Road 860 (Smithneck Creek Road) west until it becomes County Road 450 (Hennes Pass Road) and back to Little Truckee Summit.

2. Being on any National Forest System Road within the Bear Fire Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Bear Fire Closure Area, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

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 fire-fighting 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 and residents of such private landholdings, to the extent necessary to access their land.



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These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained 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 Nevada City, California, this 3rd day of September 2024.

Beth Martinez
Acting Forest Supervisor
Pacific Southwest Region