

Order No. 11-12-05
Plumas National Forest
Chips Fire Emergency Area Closure

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Chips Fire Closure Area of the Plumas National Forest. This Order is effective from August 1, 2012, until the Chips Fire has been fully suppressed.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Chips Fire Closure Area. The Chips Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of Hwy. 70 and the Ben Lomond trailhead, then continues northwest along the Ben Lomond Trail to its intersection with the Plumas National Forest boundary, then continues northeast along the Plumas National Forest boundary to its intersection with Indian Springs Trail, then continues southeast along the Indian Springs Trail to its intersection with Hwy. 70, then continues west along Hwy. 70 back to the starting point, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Chips Fire Closure Area. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Owners or lessees of private land in the Chips Fire Closure Area to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.
4. Persons who reside on private land in the Chips Fire Closure Area to the extent necessary to gain access to their residences.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions found in 36 CFR 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 six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Quincy, California this 31 day of July, 2012.



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