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Subject: Chips Fire Emergency Closure

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I have decided it is necessary to close the Chips Fire Area (including roads and trails), as described in Order No. 11-12-06, until the Chips Fire is fully suppressed.

This closure is being implemented to protect public and firefighter safety during the Chips Fire Incident on the Plumas National Forest. The area will be closed to ensure that the public does not enter into an area that is currently threatened by fire. The roads will be closed due to hazardous conditions, such as low visibility, dust, narrow windy road conditions and increased fire operations traffic.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment because the project is within Category #1 of Section 31.12, Forest Service Handbook 1090.15, which includes Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261. This regulation allows implementation of prohibitions or closure for short term resource protection or to protect public health and safety. This is not a project or activity implementing a land and resource management plan that is documented in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. There are no extraordinary circumstances.

cc: Pete Duncan, Chris Holland