Order No. 11-12-07
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 Mt. Hough Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest. This Order is effective from 9:00 p.m. on August 6, 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 the Plumas National Forest boundary and the southwest corner of section 17 (Township 24 North, Range 6 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian), then continues east along the section line to its intersection with Hwy. 70, then continues northeast along Hwy. 70, to its intersection with the section line along the south side of section 3 (Township 24 North, Range 6 East), then continues east along the section line to the southeast corner of section 1(Township 24 North, Range 6 East), then continues north along the section line to the southwest corner of section 31 (Township 25 North, Range 7 East), then continues east along the section line to southeast corner of section 34 (Township 25 North, Range 7 East), then continues north to its intersection with Hwy. 70, then continues east along Hwy. 70 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 26N18, then continues north along Forest Road No. 26N18 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 27N17, then continues northeast along Forest Road No. 27N17 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 26N22, then continues north along Forest Road No. 26N22 to its intersection with Hwy 89, then continues northwest along Hwy. 89 to its intersection with the Plumas National Forest boundary, then continues southwest along the Plumas National Forest boundary 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).

3. Being on any National Forest System road within the Chips Fire Closure Area.
   36 CFR 261.54(e).

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.

5. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.

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 6 day of August, 2012.

Earl W. Ford
Forest Supervisor
Plumas National Forest

This Order supersedes Order No. 11-12-06, dated 08-02-12.