



**Order No. STF 2013-09
Rim Fire Closure
Stanislaus National Forest**

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 Groveland Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from August 24, 2013 until the Rim Fire is declared out.

1. Going into or being upon any National Forest System land within the Rim Fire Closure Area. The Rim Fire Closure Area boundary begins at the southeast corner of the Stanislaus National Forest boundary at its intersection with the Yosemite National Park boundary and the Merced River, then continues west along the southern and western edge of the forest's congressional boundary to its intersection with State Highway 108, then continues northeast along State Highway 108 to its intersection with the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line, then continues east along the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N32, then continues north along Forest Road No. 4N32 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N11, then continues north along Forest Road No. 4N11 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N26, then continues south along Forest Road No. 4N11 to its intersection with the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line, then continues east along the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N33, then continues northeast along Forest Road No. 4N33 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N25, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 4N25 to its intersection with the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line, then continues east along the Mi-Wok and Summit Ranger District boundary line to its intersection with the forest's congressional boundary, then continues south along the forest's congressional boundary back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Rim Fire Closure Area, as shown on the attached map. 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.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained 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 Sonora, California, this 23rd day of August, 2013.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Skalski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

SUSAN SKALSKI
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Date: August 23, 2013

Subject: Rim Fire Closure

To: Project Files

From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor *SS*

On August 17, 2013, the Rim Fire started along Jawbone Ridge on the Groveland Ranger District near the confluence of the Clavey River and Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River in Tuolumne County. Currently, crews and firefighters are working an active fire in which fire behavior is unpredictable and dangerous to the public. Tree snags and burning vegetation in the fire area present unsafe conditions for public use. Crews and equipment will be using the roads and trails in the closure area causing potential congestion of these areas and a hazardous condition. As a result, I have decided to close public access to the Rim Fire area until the Rim Fire is declared out. The closure area is based on current and expected fire behavior and area of predicted fire spread.

Scoping determined that anticipated effects of this proposed action would be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The Forest Service will install signs to alert the public to these prohibitions.

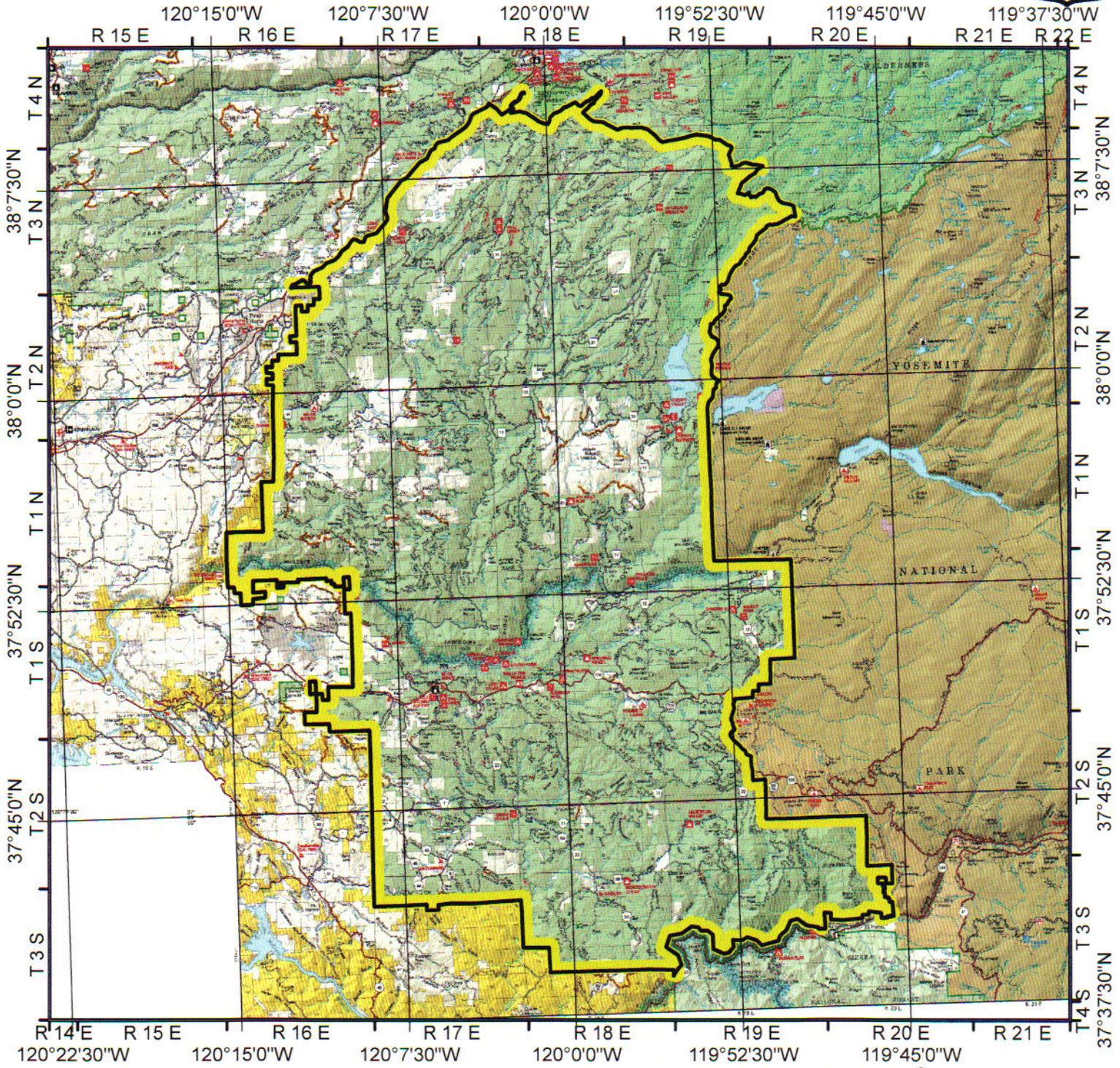
I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 CFR § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 214.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

Cc: Rita Plair-Wears



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Legend:

 Closure Area Boundary

Map Extent:

North

