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## Cedar Fire Public Safety Calls for Partial Campground Closures

**Kernville, California, August 24, 2016** – Campgrounds along the Upper Kern River will temporarily close tomorrow morning, August 25<sup>th</sup>, due to existing and potential impacts of the Cedar Fire.

The top priority in suppressing wildland fires is to provide for firefighter and public safety. With that said, the Upper Kern river camping corridor has been experiencing some ember activity, falling ash and heavy smoke, which has been causing low visibility.

In order to keep residents and visitors safe, the campgrounds along the Upper Kern river corridor, along Mountain 99, north of Kernville, will close temporarily. However, the road remains open, **and day use will still be allowed.**

**Day use will be from sunrise to dusk.** We are asking your cooperation in this matter to keep this corridor safe not only for yourselves but for any unforeseen immediate suppression action by ground and air firefighting resources.

Campers will be redirected to other areas in and around the Sequoia National forest, for their camping enjoyment.

For those with reservations through the National Recreation Reservation Service, California Land Management, please call (760) 376-1815.

For information on the fire activity, please call the Kernville Ranger Station at (760) 376-3781, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

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