

**FOREST ORDER NO. 0513-21-08**  
SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST  
GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT  
WESTERN DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT  
CASTLE FIRE AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Western Divide Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. This Forest Order is effective from February 16, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Castle Fire Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the trails listed below and shown on Exhibit B.
  - a. Any National Forest System trail within the Castle Fire Closure Area.
  - b. Devil's Canyon Trail (Forest Trail No. 29E16).
  - c. Long Meadow Trail (Forest Trail No. 31E15).
  - d. Dunn Fire Trail (Forest Trail No. 30E16).
  - e. Doyle Trail (Forest Trail No. 30E14).

36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

3. Being on the roads listed below and shown on Exhibit B.
  - a. Any National Forest System road within the Castle Fire Closure Area.
  - b. Lloyd Meadow Road (Forest Road No. 22S82) from its intersection with Dry Meadow Road (Forest Road No. 22S53) in section 15, T.21S., R.32E. MDB&M, then north approximately 14 miles to its terminus.

36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
3. Owners or lessees of private land within the area to the extent necessary to access their land.
4. Residents within the area to the extent necessary to access their residences.

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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Porterville, California, this 11th day of February, 2021.

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Sequoia National Forest

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EXHIBIT A

The boundary of the Castle Fire Closure Area begins in the northwest corner of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 32 East, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian (MDB&M), then continues due east approximately 11.7 miles to its intersection with the Kern River in Section 28, T.19S., R.33E., MDB&M, then continues south approximately 13.9 miles along the Kern River to its intersection with Section 25, T.21S., R.32E., MDB&M, then continues west approximately 2.0 miles to its intersection with the southwest corner of Section 26, then continues north approximately 1.0 mile to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 26, then continues west approximately 2.0 miles to its intersection with Dome Creek Road (Forest Road No. 21S70), then continues north approximately 1.0 mile along Dome Creek Road to its intersection with Ponderosa Road (Forest Road No. 21S54) in Section 21, then continues north and west approximately 2.0 miles along Ponderosa Road to its intersection with Dome Creek Road (Forest Road No. 21S70), then continues south approximately 0.7 miles along Dome Creek Road to its intersection with the southeast corner of Section 17, then continues due west approximately 1.0 mile to its intersection with the southwest corner of Section 17, then continues due north approximately 1.0 mile to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 17, then continues west approximately 4.0 miles to its intersection with the southwest corner of Section 10, T.20S., R.31E., MDB&M, then continues north approximately 3.0 miles to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 33, then continues west approximately 1.5 miles to its intersection with the southwest corner of Section 29, then continues north approximately 4.0 miles to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 8, then continues east for approximately 2.0 miles to its intersection with the northeast corner of Section 9, then continues north approximately 3.0 miles to the starting point as shown Exhibit B.