

	<p>KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST 1711 South Main Street Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 841-6131 www.fs.usda.gov/klamath</p>	<p>FIRE UPDATE</p>	<p>SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST 1330 Bayshore Way Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-1721 www.fs.usda.gov/SRNF</p>	
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Emergency Closure Area Reduced Again

Yreka, CA—Less fire activity in the Salmon River Complex and the southern portion of the Butler Fire enabled downsizing the amount of Klamath National Forest land included in the Emergency Closure Order. Approximately 75% less land is affected by the new closure order—compared to the size when wildfires were most active. Effective September 11, 2013, more National Forest land is now open for hunting, recreation and firewood gathering. The purpose of the remaining temporary closure is to protect public safety while there are still active pockets of fire within the containment lines and fire fighters continue mop up and suppression repair work.

It is important for Forest visitors to be aware of the areas included in the new closure order. A map and description of the closed area is available at Klamath National Forest offices in Yreka, Fort Jones, Happy Camp and Macdoel, CA; as well as online at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5430601.pdf

Forest visitors should also be aware of the new Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) governing use of motorized vehicles on the Klamath National Forest. Cross-country travel is closed forest-wide. Motorized access is allowed only on open roadways, and within 30-feet from the edge of open roadways for parking and camping. The Motor Vehicle Use Maps are the easiest way to learn which roads are open for which type of vehicles. Maps are available online at the forest Website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/klamath/home/?cid=stelprdb5404649> Maps are also available in hard-copy at Klamath National Forest offices Yreka, Fort Jones, Happy Camp, and McDoel, CA. Call 530 841 4451 or 530 842 6131 for additional information.

Contact Klamath National Forest offices for area-specific information. Hunting related information is also available on the CDFW Website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/Hunting/>.

California is in the midst of a very active wildfire season. Record low levels of snowfall coupled with previous droughts make the state vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires. A high percentage of wildfire starts in California are human caused. Human caused fires are *preventable*—and are therefore the target of a state wide fire prevention campaign. Forest visitors need to check trailer safety chains to insure they are not dragging on the pavement—generating a trail of sparks and igniting wildfires. This includes checking the chains periodically during a trip. Checking brakes and wheel bearings at the beginning of the travel season is equally important for reducing the number of vehicle caused wildfires.

Forest Visitors need to also be aware fire restrictions are in effect. No fires are allowed outside of developed campgrounds, picnic areas and signed camp fire use areas, except for Marble, Siskiyou, Russian and Trinity Alps Wilderness areas. Portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed with a valid California campfire permit. Fire restrictions also affect the use of generators and chain saws. Check with local National Forest offices for specific rules.

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