



Order No. STF 2013-14
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 and Mi-Wok Ranger Districts of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from September 28, 2013 through September 27, 2014.

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 east end of Carlon Picnic Area at the boundary line between the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park, then continues north along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the northern section line of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 19 East, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the northern section lines of Sections 2,3,4,5,and 6, Township 2 North, Range 19 East, to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N01, then continues southwest along Forest Road 3N01 to its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 18 East, then continues north along the eastern section line of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with the eastern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East, then continues north along the eastern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to intersection with the northern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East, then continues west along the northern section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with the northwest corner of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East, then continues south along the western section line of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 18 East to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N45Y, then continues southwest then northeast along Forest Road No. 3N45Y to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N27, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N27 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N21, then continues southwest on Forest Road No. 3N21 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N71, then continues west along Forest Road No. 2N71 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N16, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N16 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N01, then continues northwest along Forest Road No. 3N01 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N09, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 3N09 to its intersection with Hull Creek, then continues southwest along the south shore of Hull Creek to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N86, then continues west along Forest Road No. 3N86 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 3N07, then continues south along Forest Road No. 3N07 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N13, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2N13 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1N04, then continues west along Forest Road No. 1N04 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N10, then continues south along Forest Road No. 2N10 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N11, then continues southwest along Forest Road No. 2N11 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1N01, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 1N01 to its intersection with Forest Road

No. 1N02, then continues west along Forest Road No. 1N02 to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues west along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the North Fork of the Tuolumne River, then continues southwest along the south shore of the North Fork of the Tuolumne River to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues south along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with the South Fork of the Tuolumne River, then continues southeast along the south shore of the South Fork of the Tuolumne River to its intersection with Big Creek, then continues southwest along the west shore of Big Creek to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues southeast along the Forest Boundary to its intersection with Ferretti Road, then continues southeast along the eastern edge of Ferretti Road to its intersection with State Highway 120, then continues east along the north side of State Highway 120 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S05, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2S05 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N09, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2N09 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S67, then continues northeast along Forest Road No. 1S67 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 1S14, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 1S14 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S62, then continues southeast along Forest Road No. 2S62 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2S01, then continues east along Forest Road No. 2S01 to its intersection with the Forest Boundary, then continues north along the Forest 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).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Rim Fire Closure Area, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

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 27th day of September, 2013.



SUSAN SKALSKI
Forest Supervisor
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This Order supersedes Order No. STF 2013-14, dated September 13, 2013.



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Subject: Rim Fire Closure

To: Project Files

From: Susan Skalski, Forest Supervisor 

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 congestion of these areas and a hazardous condition. As a result, I have decided to close public access to the Rim Fire area. The closure is based on current and expected fire behavior and the area of predicted fire spread. The closure is also based on current fire area rehabilitation needs. This order will be in effect until September 26, 2014 or until replaced or rescinded. This Forest Order STF 2013-14 replaces the previous Forest Order STF 2013-11.

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.

This order includes an exemption for persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. We have recently received requests for access to the closed area from members of the public. The criteria for granting written authorization for access to the Rim Fire Closure Area will be as follows:

1. The applicant must provide a reasonable explanation for the need to access the closed area,
2. The applicant must possess personal protective equipment appropriate for the dangers present in the area to which access is requested,
3. The applicant must understand and accept the risk of entering the closed area,
4. I or my delegate must determine that the risk to personal health and safety is reasonable considering the circumstances of the request.

Written authorization may allow access to only a circumscribed portion of the closed area. If I am unavailable at the time a request is received, I hereby grant the Groveland District Ranger



and the Miwok District Ranger, or, in their absence, the person designated to serve as the Acting District Ranger the authority to sign any and all written authorizations for entry into the closed area.

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 actions 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: Heidi Reick

