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Sequoia National Forest Update on Recreation Closures

PORTERVILLE, Calif. April 24, 2020 — The Sequoia National Forest (SQNF) is part of the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region. On March 25, 2020, Regional Forester Randy Moore issued a Closure Order for all developed recreation sites across all National Forests in the Region.

The USDA Forest Service's highest priority is ensuring our employees and visitors remain safe as we support mission critical functions for the people and communities we serve.

This Order is effective through April 30, 2020.

This closure excludes trails, trailheads and specific picnic areas, boat launches and staging areas that function as trailheads for dispersed recreation

While these specific areas remain open for use, we recommend complying with local and state guidance and not traveling for your recreation needs.

If you do plan on visiting the SQNF please be aware that:

- No trash removal is currently offered please pack out all trash and waste
- All toilet facilities are currently closed please plan accordingly
- Avoid high-risk activities law enforcement and search and rescue operations may be limited
- If an area is crowded, please search for a less occupied location

Closing any site for any reason is not one we take lightly, but protecting our visitors and employees remains our highest priority. We are working with our state and local partners to determine the best path forward to safely reopening closed sites.

Please call your local Ranger Station Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or email <u>SM.FS.SequoiaNF@usda.gov</u> for current SQNF information.

Kern River Ranger District	760-549-9533
Western Divide Ranger District	559-920-0460
Hume Lake Ranger District	559-791-5758
Supervisor's Office	559-920-1588

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Thank you for your cooperation. For specific details, please see below.

SEASONAL CLOSURES INCLUDE:

Hume Lake Ranger District (559) 791-5758

Dunlap, Calif - <u>SM.FS.SequoiaNF@usda.gov</u>

Seasonal road closures continue for most Forest Service administered roads, including Highway 180 past the Hume Lake cutoff. Snow play areas in Big Meadows are all closed due to closure of the Generals Highway.

Campgrounds

Eshom Hume Lake Tenmile Landslide Princess Stony Creek Upper Stony Big Meadow Green Cabin Flat Mill Flat Convict Flat Buck Rock Horse Camp Camp 4

Group Campgrounds

Aspen Hollow Logger Flat Fir Cove Eshom

Day Use Areas:

PowderCan Picnic Area Sandy Cove Picnic Area Hume Lake Day Use Area Grizzly Falls Rental Cabins Camp 4 ½ Big Meadows Guard Station

Kings Canyon Area: *Closed by Highway 180

Generals Highway: Quail Flat Restroom

OHV Staging Areas: Millwood OHV Eshom OHV

<u>Wilderness</u>

Jennie Lakes Wilderness Monarch Wilderness

Pack Station Horse Corral Pack Station

Special Use Areas

Montecito Lake Resort Stony Creek Lodge Boyden Cavern

Popular Hiking Trails/OHV Trailheads

Millwood OHV Staging Area Eshom Point OHV Staging Area Weaver and Jennie Lakes Rowell Meadow Marvin Pass Stony Creek Evans Grove Little Boulder Grove Deer Meadow Kanawyer Deer Cove Converse Basin – includes Boole Tree and Chicago Stump

Western Divide Ranger District (559) 920-0460

Springville, Calif - SM.FS.SequoiaNF@usda.gov

Seasonal road closures continue for most Forest Service administered roads. High elevation roads under County jurisdiction; Western Divide Highway past Ponderosa Lodge, and Mountain Road 50 over Parker Pass are also closed due to winter conditions.

Day Use Areas

Lower Coffee Camp Upper Coffee Camp Trail of 100 Giants

Group Campgrounds

Quaking Aspen Group Long Meadow Group

Dispersed Camping

Upper Peppermint Lloyd Meadow Road sites

Campgrounds

Wishon Leavis Flat Belknap Coy Flat Quaking Aspen Redwood Meadow White River Holey Meadow Lower Peppermint

<u>Cabins</u>

Wishon Grouse Valley Poso Guard Station Quaking Aspen Frog Meadow Mountain Home Guard Station

Golden Trout Wilderness Trailheads

Lewis Camp Clicks Creek Summit Jerky Meadow Forks of the Kern Shake Camp

Kern River Ranger District (760) 549-9533

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Upper Kern Area:

Limestone Campground Roads End Picnic Area* Fairview Campground Goldledge Campground Corral Creek Picnic Area Hospital Flat Campground Thunderbird Group Campground Camp 3 Campground Halfway Group Campground Headquarters Campground Riverkern Beach Picnic Area

Isabella Lake Area:

Camp 9 Campground & Day Use Paradise Cove Campground South Fork Recreation Site* Old Isabella Recreation Site* Auxiliary Dam Recreation Site Hungry Gulch Campground Boulder Gulch Campground French Gulch Group Campground* Tillie Creek Campground & Group Campground Live Oak North and South Campgrounds

Lower Kern Area:

Sandy Flat Campground Hobo Campground Delonegha Day Use Area Democrat Day Use Area* Upper Rich Bar Day Use Area Lower Rich Bar Day Use Area Live Oak Day Use Area

*Launch Sites remain open at these sites. Please don't spoil it for others. Keep social distancing in mind at all times.