## FOREST ORDER NO. 05-04-52-22-03 USDA FOREST SERVICE INYO NATIONAL FOREST HOT CREEK CLOSURE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), and to protect public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest. This Order is effective from December 30, 2022, through December 30, 2024.

- 1. Entering or being in Hot Creek (including the Hot Creek hot springs and associated steam vents), beginning ½ mile along Hot Creek from the Inyo National Forest Administrative Boundary and continuing southwest for another ¼ mile, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(k).
- 2. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within 10 feet of Hot Creek (including the Hot Creek hot springs and associated steam vents), beginning ½ mile along Hot Creek from the Inyo National Forest Administrative Boundary and continuing southwest for another ½ mile, as shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).

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

- 1. 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.
- 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 C.F.R. 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 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Bishop, California, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

LESLEY YEN
Forest Supervisor

