

U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

Area, Road, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("Described Area, Roads, and Trails").

- 1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C. F. R. § 261.53(e).
- 2. Being on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on the Described Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS

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 firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Authorized Federal and State personnel conducting the repair work in the course of their official duties.
- 3. Persons with a 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 or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50 (e)(1) or (2).
- 4. Lee Canyon Ski Resort Activities under Special Use Authorization and associated operating plans.
- 5. Owners, residents, or lessees of land in the Described Area, to the extent necessary to access their land.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAIL

The Described Area is located in Clark County, NV and is all NFS lands within the following four separate areas described below and as displayed on Exhibit A:

- Described Area A (Inset A in Exhibit A) is all NFS lands within 150 feet on either side of the Upper Bristlecone Trail, which will begin at the entrance to the Upper Bristlecone Tailhead, located adjacent to the upper Lee Canyon Ski Resort parking lot. Described Area A is located in Sections 9-10, 15-16, Township 19 South, Range 56 East, Mt. Diablo Meridian.
- Described Area B (Inset B in Exhibit A) is located in Mack's Canyon and is all NFS lands within 150 feet on either side of a segment of NFS Road 45085, beginning at mile 2 and continuing to the road's endpoint. Described Area B is located in Sections 22, Township 18 South, Range 56 East, Mt. Diablo Merdian.
- Described Area C (Inset C in Exhibit A) is all NFS lands west of the Deer Creek Picnic Area parking lot and identified as the Deer Creek Picnic Area. It is located in Sections 7-8, Township 19 South, Range 57 East, Mt. Diablo Meridian.
- Described Area E (Inset E in Exhibit A) is located in Upper Kyle Canyon, which consists
 of the Mary Jane Falls Trailhead, Trail Canyon Trailhead, and Echo Trailhead. It includes
 the associated parking lots and developed areas. It is located in Sections 22-23, 2527;35-36, Township 19 South, Range 56 East, Mt. Diablo Meridian. Described Area E
 does not include Cathedral Rock Trailhead Parking Lot & Immediate Developed Area,
 which includes the South Loop Trail, and the portions of Echo Trail that exist prior to
 access into the Little Falls area, which will all remain open to the public.

The Described Roads are (1) the segment of NFS Road # 45085, beginning at mile 2 and continuing to the road's endpoint (as depicted in Inset B in Exhibit A); and (2) NFS Roads 45577, 45577A, 25872, and 25873 (as depicted in Inset D in Exhibit A).

The Described Trail is the entirety of Upper Bristlecone Trail, from the trailhead which starts at the upper parking lot of the Lee Canyon Ski Resort to the trail's end point (as depicted in Inset A in Exhibit A), located in Sections 9-10, 15-16, Township 19 South, Range 56 East, Mt. Diablo Meridian.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety while repair work is being conducted in the Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from May 24th, 2024, at 12:00 a.m. through May 24th, 2026, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area, Roads, and Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/htnf/alerts-notices.
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
- 4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations,

or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

- 5. Contact the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area at 4701 North Torrey Pines Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130 (702) 872-5486, and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks NV 89431 (715) 331-6444, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes Order # 04-17-23-19 prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

Signed and issued on May 17th, 2024.

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