FOREST ORDER NO. 05-07-53-24-05 LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST SANTA LUCIA RANGER DISTRICT SPECIAL CLOSURE – PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), and to provide for public health and safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Los Padres National Forest. This Order is effective from April 19, 2024, through August 30, 2024.

- 1. Being on the following National Forest System (NFS) roads as shown on Exhibit A:
 - a. NFS road 29S02.1 (Navajo Road) beginning at Turkey Flat OHV Staging Area to the junction with NFS roads 29S02.2 and 29S10, a location commonly known as "5-Points"; and
 - b. NFS road 29S10 (Black Mountain Road) beginning at 5-Points road junction continuing to road terminus at gates for Black Mountain Communication Sites. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
- 2. Operating a motor vehicle over 50-inches in width on the following road as shown on Exhibit A:
 - a. NFS Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) road 18E02 "La Canada OHV". 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).

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 fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty;
- 2. Persons with a Forest Service non-recreation special use authorization, such as for electric transmission lines and associated facilities, oil or gas pipelines and surface operations, or communications sites and tenants:
- 3. Owners or lessees of land, to the extent necessary to access their land;
- 4. Persons with a non-special use Forest Service or other federal agency written authorization to conduct non-recreational activities including, but not limited to road construction, hazardous fuels reduction, habitat/ecological restoration, research, resource surveys, or grazing livestock activities.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition 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 at Solvang, California this 18th day of April 2024.

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