



## Forest Service News Release

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### Plumas National Forest Issues Indian Creek Headwaters Area and Road Closure

**Quincy, Calif., June 26, 2024** – For the protection of natural, Tribal and cultural resources, concerns about fire danger, public health and sanitation, and upholding permitted special uses, the Plumas National Forest has issued a Forest Order prohibiting anyone from being in any portion of the Indian Creek Headwaters Area and Road Closure Order on the Mount Hough Ranger District.

There is an unauthorized group use incident currently located in this area, approximately 5 miles north of Antelope Lake Recreation Area in Plumas County, just south of Lassen County.

“The Forest is concerned about the 500 plus individuals already dispersed camping in a concentrated area. We are always willing to work with any organization or group interested in recreating on the national forest. There are existing and projected impacts on natural and cultural resources and other authorized uses. Our priority is maintaining public health and safety and the appropriate stewardship of public lands and natural resources,” said Plumas National Forest Supervisor Chris Carlton.

The Forest Order is effective today and will be evaluated daily to determine the appropriate time to lift the order to resume general public use of the area.

Forest Service regulations require that all noncommercial group use, defined as activities that have no entry or participation fee charged nor the primary purpose being the sale of a good or service and activities, being conducted on National Forest System lands that involves 75 or more people, be authorized by the Forest Service through a special use permit for noncommercial group use (36 CFR 251.54).

For more information about the Unauthorized Noncommercial Group Use Incident, please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering>.

About the Forest Service: The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages the 193 million acres of National Forest System land, provides stewardship assistance to non-federal forest landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

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