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To: DM, CDD and CDD FM's

From: State Director

Subject: Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) Interim Route Closure Implementation: NEPA compliance, Public Review, and Decision Process

The purpose of this instruction memorandum is to clarify the process for implementing interim route closures in accordance with the CBD settlement under 43 CFR 8364.1. This guidance supplements Instruction Memorandum No. CA-2001-030.

1. CDD will publish a notice in the Federal Register covering all closures. The FR notice will also discuss the opportunity for the public to review EA's prepared for the closures and announce the expected date of implementation in 30 days.
2. Separate EA/FONSI's will be released by Field Managers for a 15-day public comment period via news release. EA's will be released at the same time as the FR notice publication.
3. Field Managers will work with DM and SD to determine the most appropriate means and schedules for timely implementation of the closures consistent with 43 CFR 8364.1.
4. Field Managers shall continue working with CDD and CSO for quality assurance of NEPA documents and public notice documents.

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