



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF LOST COAST TRAIL OF THE KING RANGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

MARCH 27, 2020

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action follows guidance received from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and recommendations from Federal, State, and local public health authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The BLM is temporarily closing the public lands identified here to assist in limiting the spread of COVID -19. The health and safety of visitors and staff in our facilities is our number one priority.

Affected Area: Lost Coast Trail and Paradise Royale Mountain Bike Trail in the King Range National Conservation Area. The Lost Coast Trail is approximately 24 miles and located on the California coast south of the Mattole River and north of Shelter Cove, CA. This closure includes the trailheads at the Mattole River Campground and Black Sands Beach. The Paradise Royale Mountain Bike Trail is located of the Shelter Cove road east of Shelter Cove, CA. The King Range National Conservation Area is located in Humboldt County.

Prohibitions: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. All permits for the Lost Coast Trail are suspended. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

Supplemental Information: The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. Any federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized medical, rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
2. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties:
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Penalties: Any person who violates this may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both.

Effective: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

Field Manager

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