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PARTIAL TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

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**PARTIAL TERMINATION OF CLOSURE ORDER for BLM managed lands within the
Knoxville Management Area in Napa County and Lake County**

November 25, 2020

Action: On November 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. the emergency closure order will be terminated for some BLM managed lands within the Knoxville Management Area. This partial termination of the emergency closure order was enacted on August 19, 2020, pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1. This closure order included BLM managed lands within and adjacent to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument including the Cache Creek Management Area, Knoxville Management Area, Berryessa Management Area, Cedar Roughs Wilderness, and scattered tracts within Lake, Napa, Solano, Colusa and Yolo Counties. The closure order was enacted to protect public land users and wildland firefighters during LNU Lightning Complex fire suppression activities. A partial termination of that order reopened some BLM managed lands in Lake County, within the Cache Creek Natural Area, on September 4, 2020. The LNU Lightning Complex burned approximately 363,220 acres and was reported as fully contained on November 2, 2020. Assessment of fire impacts is ongoing, and continued risks to public safety remain within this burned area.

Affected Area: Partial termination of this emergency closure applies to BLM managed lands of the Knoxville Management Area, within Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. These lands are located in Lake County and Napa County. Primary access to these lands is from the Berryessa Knoxville Road. This order will reopen both the Northern and Southern Entrances and popular recreation sites like the North Staging Area and Hunting Creek Camp. It will also reopen an extensive network of OHV trails, including Hunting Creek Trail, Dunnigan Hill, and Round Mountain Road. Due to continues safety concerns in the vicinity of Cedar Creek, a segment commonly known as Cement Creek Road will remain closed until further notice. Safety concerns near Cedar Creek include active soil erosion and potential for landslides.

Prohibitions: All other BLM managed lands identified within the August 19, 2020 emergency closure order will remain closed, including the Berryessa Management Area, Cedar Roughs Wilderness, and scattered tracts within Lake, Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties. Cement Creek Road, in the Knoxville Management Area, near Cedar Creek will remain closed. Cache Creek Natural Area lands within Yolo County will also remain closed. Supplemental provisions, exceptions, and penalties identified in the August 19, 2020 order will remain in affect for lands outside of the Affected Area while we continue to conduct post-fire assessments and repairs.

Effective Date: Partial termination of the August 19, 2020 emergency closure for BLM managed lands within the Cache Creek Natural Area in Lake County and Colusa County is effective at 9:00 am on November 25, 2020.

Signed by:

Field Manager

11/25/20
Date