

ORDER NO. 15-16
EMERGENCY CLOSURE
SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited in the Kern River District within the Sequoia National Forest. This Order is effective from August 5, 2015 through August 30, 2015.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Piute Mountains Closure Area, as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.53(e).
2. Being on National Forest System roads within the Piute Mountains Closure Area, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on the trails listed below and shown on the attached map.
 - a. Any National Forest System trail within the Piute Mountains Closure Area.
 - b. Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
 - i. From its intersection with Highway 58 then continuing north to its intersection with the Piute Mountains Closure Area boundary in Section 26, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, and
 - ii. From its intersection with the Piute Mountains Closure Area boundary in Section 35, Township 28 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continuing northeast to its intersection with the Kiavah Wilderness in Section 20, Township 27 South, Range 36 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

36 CFR 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Law Enforcement Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
3. Owners or lessees of private land within the Piute Mountains Closure Area, to the extent necessary to gain access to their land.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

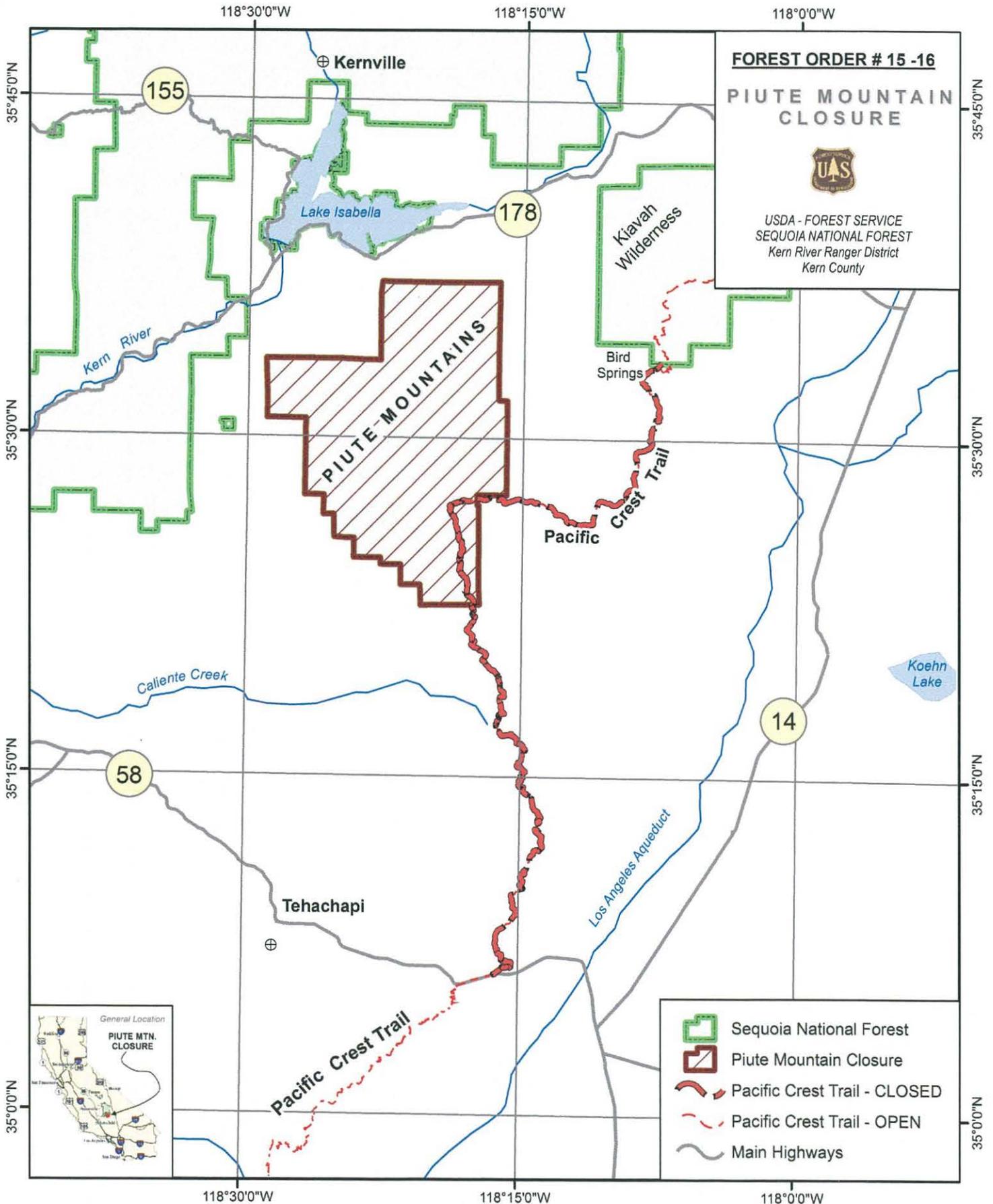
Done at Vallejo, California, this 4th day of August, 2015.



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Deputy Regional Forester Pacific Southwest Region

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EXHIBIT A

The Piute Mountains Closure Area boundary begins at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues south along the Sequoia National Forest boundary to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues east along the forest boundary to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 28 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues due south to the forest boundary in Section 36, Township 28 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues due west to the forest boundary in Section 35, Township 28 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues south along the forest boundary to the southeast corner of Section 26, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 28, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the southeast corner of Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 20, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the southeast corner of Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 12, Township 29 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 2, Township 29 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 2, Township 29 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 28, Township 28 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the southeast corner of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues west along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 6, Township 28 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 27 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues east along the forest boundary to the southwest corner of Section 19, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues north along the forest boundary to the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 27 South, Range 34 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, then continues east back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map.



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PIUTE MOUNTAIN CLOSURE



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-  Sequoia National Forest
-  Piute Mountain Closure
-  Pacific Crest Trail - CLOSED
-  Pacific Crest Trail - OPEN
-  Main Highways

