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Date: May 2, 2023

Subject: Forest Order No. STF-16-2023-07, Summit, Mi-Wok & Calaveras Ranger District's MVUM Season of Use Closure Extension

To: Project Files

From: Jason Kuiken, Forest Supervisor

I am issuing a forest order to extend the seasonal road closures identified in the forest's Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). This order provides an update and continues the MVUM Season of Use Closure Extension Order, STF-16-2023-05 executed on April 13th, 2023. The forest experienced possibly the heaviest snow year on record that brought heavy precipitation from the Fall of 2022 through Spring of 2023. Multiple high wind events resulted in trees falling and causing power outages of up to one to two weeks at a time throughout the area. As a result, downed trees and late winter snow accumulations across forest roads continue to prevent safe travel on some roads in the middle and high elevation zones subject to seasonal closures. Additionally, unprecedented snow levels have made it difficult for Forest staff to fully assess the extent of the damage caused to roads throughout the Forest. These roads were not passable to motorized vehicles by the scheduled road opening date of April 15, 2023, on the forest's MVUM and continue to not be passable at this time. A recent evaluation of on-the-ground high elevation road conditions indicates that allowing vehicles to travel these roadways would put vehicle occupants at risk.

As a result, I am extending the seasonal road closure from today's date through May 31, 2023, for the following roads:

Summit Ranger District

1. Forest Road No. 4N12 (Herring Creek Road)
2. Forest Road No. 5N01 (Eagle Meadow Road)
3. Forest Road No. 5N11
4. Forest Road No. 5N40Y
5. Forest Road No. 4N34 (Gooseberry Road)
6. Forest Road No. 4N47
7. Forest Road No. 4N13
8. Forest Road No. 4N14
9. Forest Road No. 4N39
10. Forest Road No. 4N26 (Crabtree Road)
11. Forest Road No. 6N06 (Fence Creek Road)
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NEW

Forest Order No. STF-16-2023-07
Stanislaus National Forest
Motor Vehicle Use Map - Season of Use Closure Extension

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety following act is prohibited within the Summit, Mi-Wok and Calaveras Ranger Districts Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from May 4th, 2023, through May 31, 2023. This Order supersedes Forest Order STF-16-2023-05, executed April 13, 2023.

Using a motor vehicle on the National Forest System roads listed below and shown on Exhibits A, B, C, D and E. This prohibition does not apply to over-snow vehicles on National Forest System Road Nos. 5N01, 4N12, 5N40Y, 7N09, 7N23 and 17EV485, when there is a minimum of 12 inches of snow on the road.

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Mi-Wok Ranger District

1. Forest Road No. 3N01
2. Forest Road No. 4N25
3. Forest Road No. 2N07
4. Forest Road No. 3N07
5. Forest Road No. 2N13
6. Forest Road No. 2N14
7. Forest Road No. 4N85 (Sandbar Flat)

Calaveras Ranger District

1. Forest Road No. 5N77Y
2. Forest Road No. 5N02 Intersection of 5N14 South to the District Boundary (Beardsley Road)
3. Forest Road No. 6N58