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Six Rivers implements additional fire-use restrictions

EUREKA, Calif. – The Six Rivers National Forest (SRNF) is enacting fire-use restrictions within the Smith River National Recreation Area (NRA) / Gasquet Ranger District and Mad River Ranger District to protect natural resources and to provide for employee and public safety by reducing potential fire starts and subsequent wildland firefighter exposure to COVID-19.

Forest Order 20-10-10 prohibits building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire in the following developed recreation and fire-safe sites on the SRNF:

| Smith River NRA / Gasquet Ranger District | Mad River Ranger District |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Flat Campground* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watts Lake Campsite** |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Fork Campground* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Canyon** |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pappas Flat** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Forks** |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chimney Flat** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crook Creek** |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat Camp** | *Developed Recreation Sites; **Fire-Safe Sites |

Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from these fire-use restrictions. However, with a valid California Campfire Permit, available for FREE online at www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit, visitors may use a portable campfire pit, stove or lantern that uses gas, kerosene, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel, with a shut-off valve, in an area at least three feet from any flammable materials.

Additional exemptions may be found in attached Forest Order 20-10-10 or online at www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notice.

Ted McArthur, SRNF forest supervisor, said, “My priority is to protect the health and well-being of our first responders and the public. That’s why we’re taking additional precautions now to prevent wildfire ignitions on the forest.” He added, “With the high temperatures and historically low fuel moistures on the northern and southern ends of the forest, everyone needs to be extra-careful with fire.”

The restrictions of Forest Order 20-10-10 are in effect from September 3 through November 1, 2020, and are in addition to the restrictions of Forest Order 20-10-001 (www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd745360.pdf) enacted in late May.

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