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# U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District

# **Motor Vehicle Road Closure**

# **PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) road in the Bridgeport Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("Described Road").

Using a motor vehicle on the Described Road.
C.F.R. § 261.54 (a)

# **EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Persons with a Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50 (e)(1) or (2).
- 3. Owners, residents, or lessees of land who need to access the Described Road to the extent necessary to access their land.
- Vehicles that are designed with tracks installed, Fat Tire eBikes, Snowmobiles, and All Terrain / Off Highway Vehicles with tracks installed.

# **DESCRIBED ROAD**

The Described Road is the entirety of NFS Road 32017 (Buckeye Road) and is located in Mono County, CA. The Described Road is a 7.7 mile unimproved or 4-wheel drive/light duty gravel road. There are two access points to the Described Road: the northern end of the Described Road intersects with US Highway 395 3.8 miles north of Bridgeport, CA, and the southern end of the Described Road intersects Twin Lakes Road 7.2 miles west of Bridgeport.

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety.

# **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 1. This order shall be in effect from December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12:00am through April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 12:00am, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Road is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/alerts-notices.
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
- 4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
- Contact the Bridgeport Ranger Station at 75694 HWY 395, Bridgeport CA 93517 (760) 932-7070, and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor's Office at 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks NV 89431 (715) 331-6444, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any Order prohibiting the same or similar acts on the Described Road.

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Signed and issued on November 20th, 2023.

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