

ORDER NO. 01-16-05  
EMERGENCY CLOSURE  
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from July 28, 2016 until the Sand Fire is declared out.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Sand Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.52(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System road within the Sand Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System trail within the Sand Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

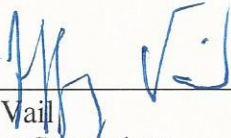
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Owners or lessees of land in the Sand Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their land.
3. Residents in the Sand Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their residences.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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 \$5,000 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 Arcadia, California this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

  
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Jeff Vail  
Forest Supervisor  
Angeles National Forest

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EXHIBIT A

The boundary of the Sand Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary and Aliso Canyon Road in Section 5 of Township 4 North, Range 12 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM); then continues south along the western edge of Aliso Canyon Road to its intersection with the Angeles Forest Highway in Section 24 of Township 4 North, Range 11 West SBBM; then continues south along the western edge of the Angeles Forest Highway to its intersection with Big Tujunga Canyon Road in Section 32 of Township 3 North, Range 12 West SBBM; then continues west along the northern edge of Big Tujunga Road to its intersection with the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary in Section 1 of Township 2 north, Range 14 West SBBM; then continues west, then north, then east along the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary back to its starting point, as shown on the attached map.



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**Route To:** File

**Subject:** Forest Order 01-16-05 – Sand Fire Area, Road & Trail Closure

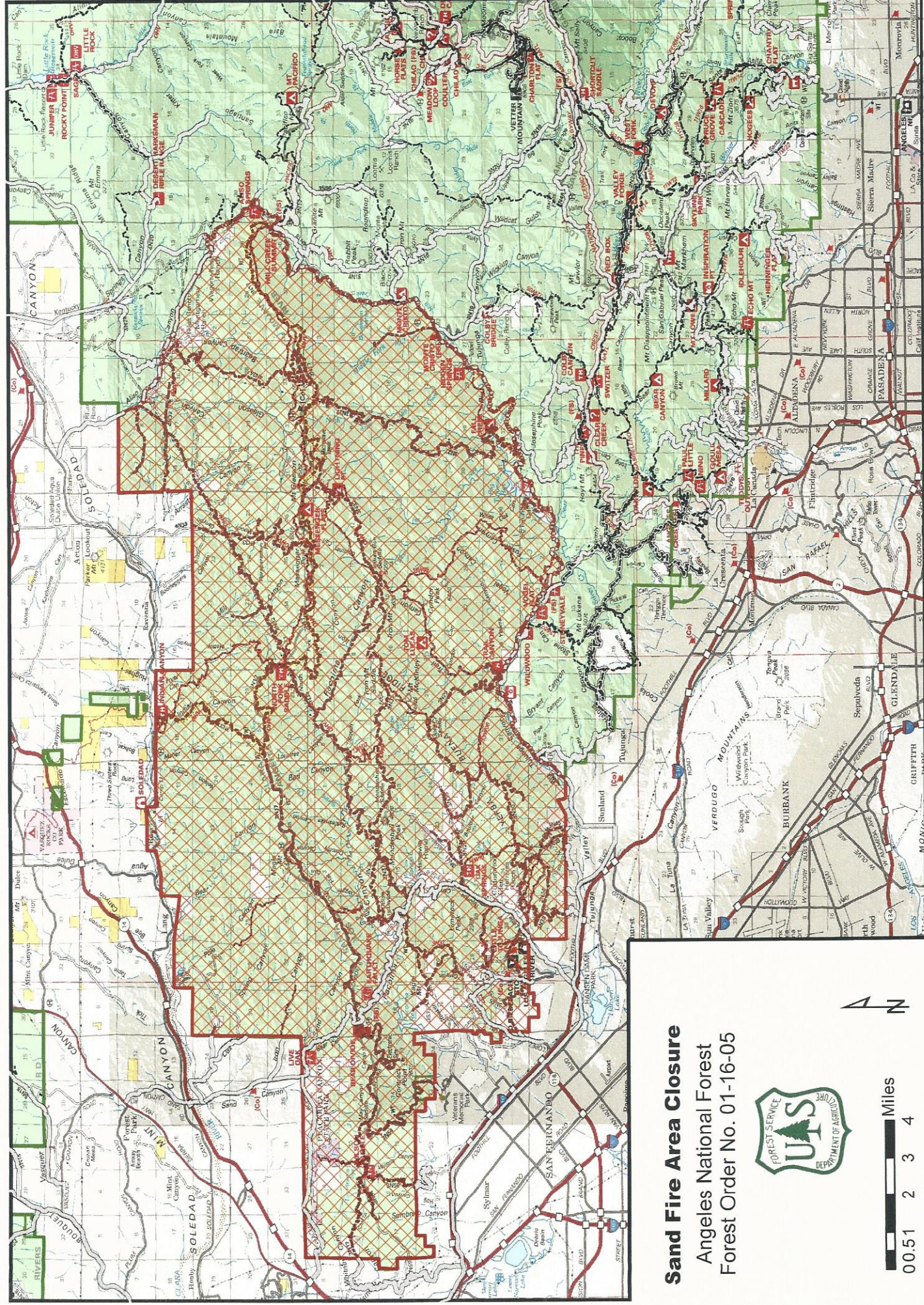
**From:** Jeff Vail, Forest Supervisor 

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety and resource protection to close the area that is burning as a result of the Sand Fire within the Angeles National Forest. The Sand Fire has been a fast growing fire and weather conditions are such that the fire has potential to continue to grow. In addition, there is limited road access to the area creating a potential for visitors to become trapped. Closure of the fire area is necessary to help ensure that no one is injured within the fire perimeter. The National Forest System roads and trails within the burned area will also be closed due to fire suppression activities that create a hazard to the public.

The Forest has had discussions regarding the closure with local Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and cooperators. No opposition or issues were identified.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.





**Sand Fire Area Closure**  
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- Off-highway Vehicle Staging Area
- Trail Head
- Fire Station
- Picnic Area
- Campground
- Closed Trail
- Closed Road
- Sand Fire Area Closure
- Open Trail
- Open Road
- Angeles National Forest Boundary