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Creek Fire leads to closure on portions of Angeles National Forest

ARCADIA, Calif. – The Creek Fire, which began in the early morning on Dec. 5, spread to 15,619 acres, with approximately 80 percent of the burned area impacting Angeles National Forest lands. Today, Forest Supervisor Jeffrey Vail ordered the closure of approximately 21,000 acres of the forest within and surrounding the Creek Fire perimeter, which is now 98 percent contained.

All Forest Service roads and trails within the closure area, including the Oak Springs Trailhead, are closed to the public.

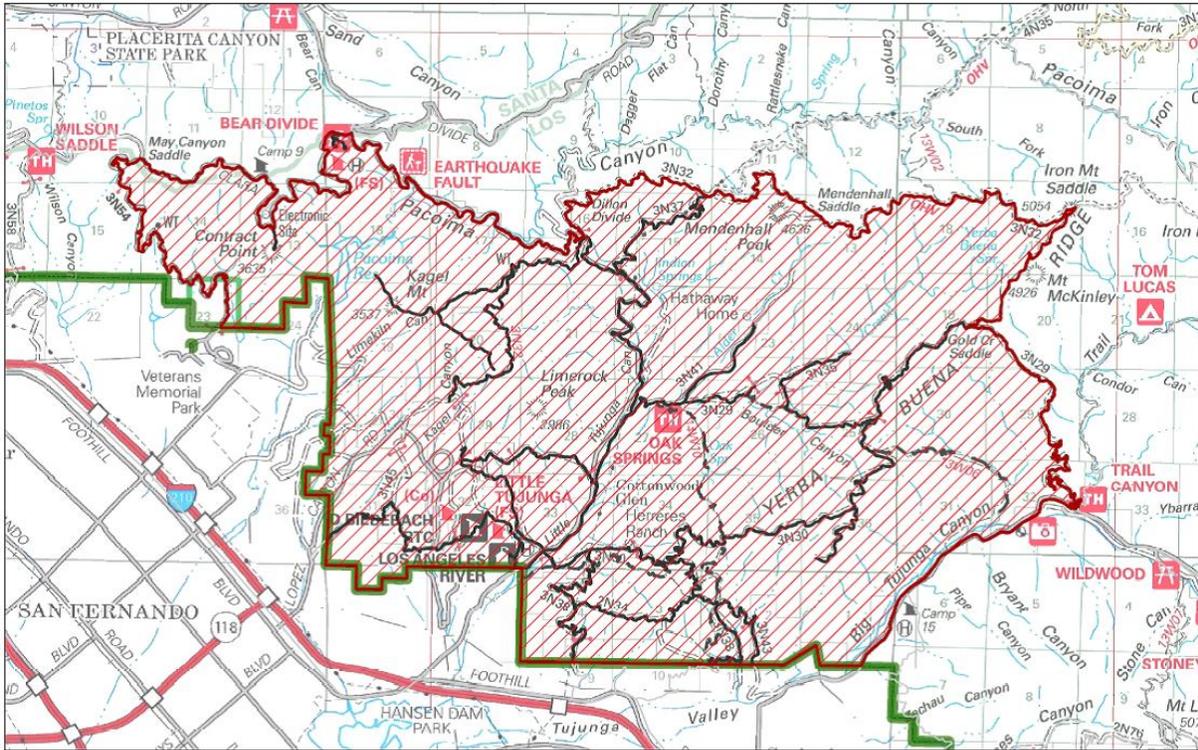
Please see the enclosed map for further details regarding the Creek Fire Closure Area.

The public is urged to use caution when driving in and around the area as fire equipment and crews remain in the vicinity. Additionally, intermittent closures may occur due to ongoing power restoration efforts.

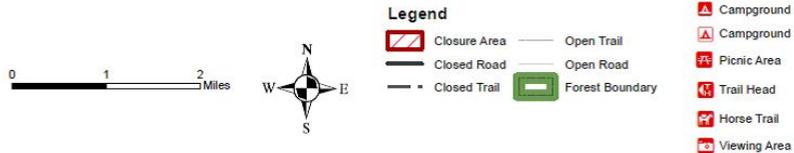
The Angeles National Forest has elevated its fire danger level to EXTREME. Fire restrictions are now in effect throughout the Forest including: NO CAMPFIRE, NO OPEN FLAME, NO BBQs or GRILLING.

“Know Before You Go”

Find out about local conditions at your destination prior to leaving by visiting the forest website at fs.usda.gov/angeles .



**Creek Fire Closure Map
Angeles National Forest
Forest Order No. 01-17-09
Exhibit B**



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The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.