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Subject: Donnell Fire National Scenic Trail Closure:
Stanislaus National Forest Order No. STF-16-2018-08 and
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Order No. 04-17-18-13

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To: Project File

From: Scott Tangenberg, Acting Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest
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On August 1, 2018, the Donnell Fire started near Donnell Lake in the Stanislaus National Forest. On August 4, 2018, the Donnell Fire moved across the Stanislaus River and progressed across Highway 108. Evacuation orders are enacted for residences and forest facilities. Currently, firefighters with heavy equipment and driving emergency vehicles are working in active fire areas. A large active fire, hazardous standing trees, risk from rock fall and slides provide clear indicators the fire area is dangerous and the public should be restricted from entering.

The National Scenic Trail PC2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) is within proximity to the fire and is not safe for trail users on foot or horse. I find it necessary to close the trail protect the public. This closure is based on the current and expected fire behavior and will be in effect until September 30, 2018 or until replaced or rescinded.

I have determined that anticipated effects of this proposal action would be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. Fire Command Staff and emergency response agencies were consulted and it was determined closing the trail is the best means to protect the public. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these temporary prohibitions.

I have also 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. Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure and the procedures for legal notice and opportunity to comment (36 CFR 214.4) do not apply to this project. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

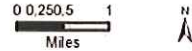
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Stanislaus National Forest Order No.STF-16-2018-08
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Donnell Fire National Scenic Trail Closure

Legend

- Trail Closed
- National Forest Boundary
- National Forest
- National Forest Wilderness



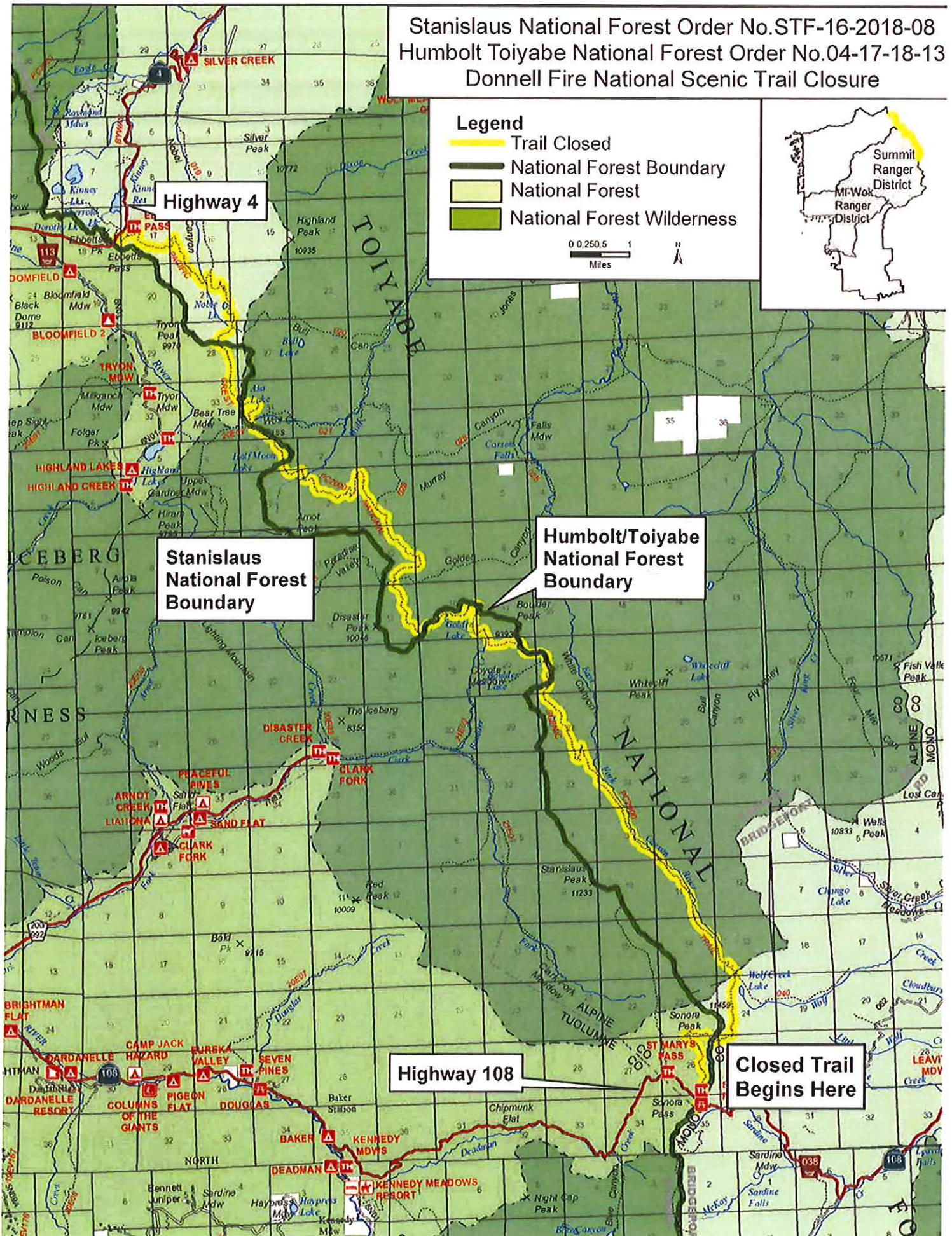
Highway 4

Stanislaus National Forest Boundary

Humboldt/Toiyabe National Forest Boundary

Highway 108

Closed Trail Begins Here





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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Order No. 04-17-18-13
Donnell Fire National Scenic Trail Closure**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited within the Stanislaus National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This Order is effective from August 10, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

1. Being on the National Scenic Trail PC2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) from its intersection with State Highway 108 to its intersection with State Highway 4, as shown on the 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. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the General prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

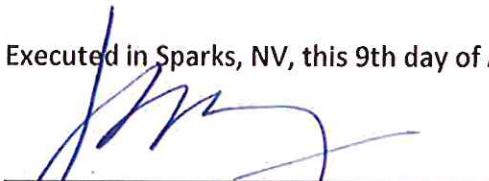
A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Sanora, California, this 9th day of August, 2018.



Scott Tangenberg
Acting Forest Supervisor
Stanislaus National Forest

Executed in Sparks, NV, this 9th day of August, 2018



William Dunkelberger
Forest Supervisor
Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest