

ORDER NO. 01-16-09  
SAND FIRE 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 October 12, 2016 until October 11, 2017.

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).

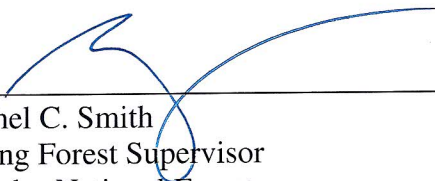
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

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 of 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.



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Rachel C. Smith  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
Angeles National Forest



**File Code:** 2670

**Date:** October 11, 2016

**Route To:** File

**Subject:** Forest Order 01-16-09 – Sand Fire Area, Road & Trail Closure

**From:** Rachel C. Smith, Acting Forest Supervisor 

I am issuing a Forest Order for public safety and resource protection to close the area that burned as a result of the Sand Fire within the Angeles National Forest. We expect the closure area to need about one year to recover from the devastating effects of the Sand Fire. The burn area is largely without vegetation and is subject to rock and sand slides that create a hazard to the public. Closure of the fire burn area and National Forest System roads and trails providing access to it is necessary to allow the area to revegetate and to recover from damage caused by fire suppression activities.

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.

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EXHIBIT A

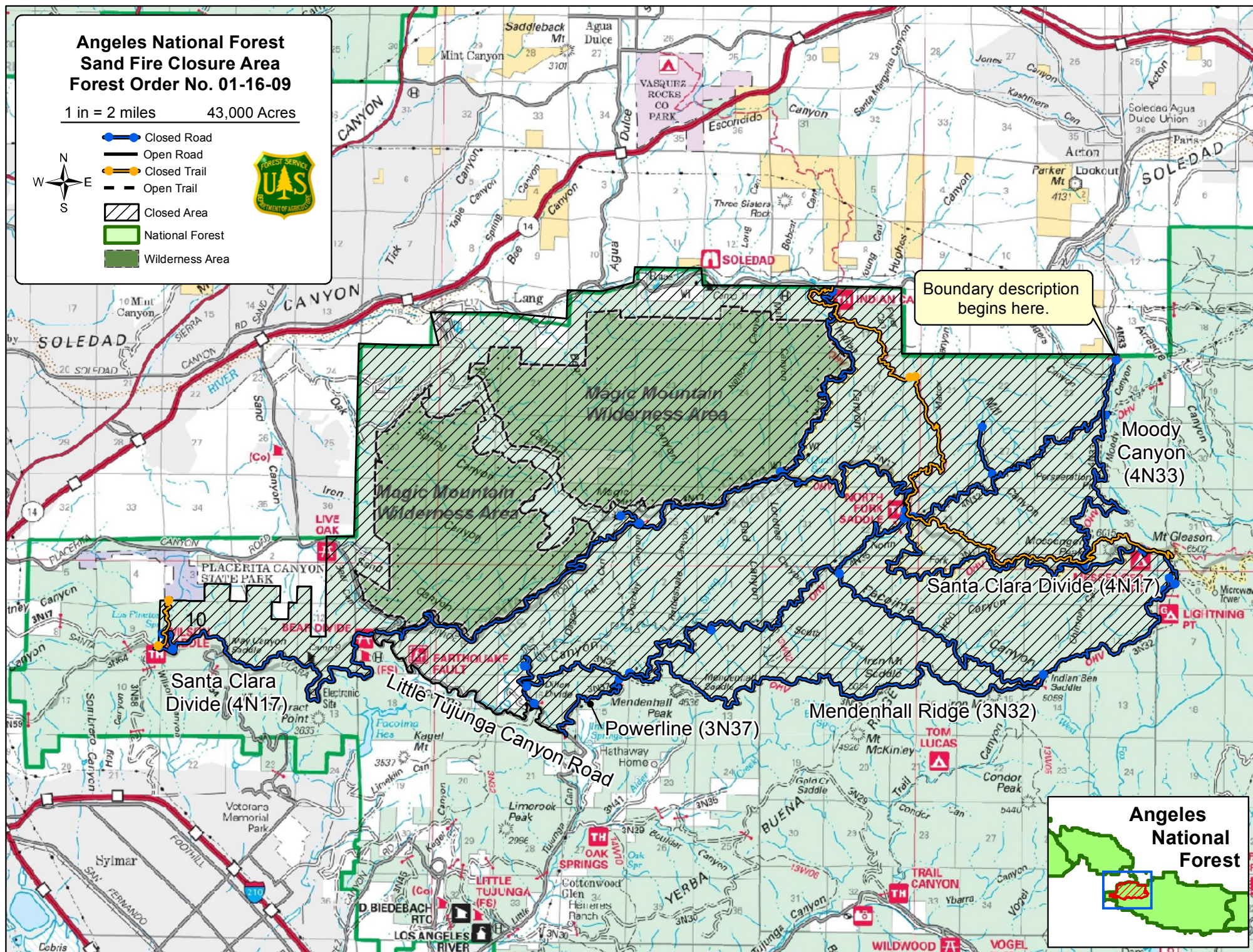
The boundary of the Sand Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary and Aliso Canyon Road in Section 5 of Township 4 North, Range 12 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM); then continues south along the western edge of Aliso Canyon Road 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 Canyon 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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1 in = 2 miles      43,000 Acres

-  Closed Road
-  Open Road
-  Closed Trail
-  Open Trail
-  Closed Area
-  National Forest
-  Wilderness Area



Boundary description begins here.

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