

USING FIREARMS

Sierra National Forest



WELCOME to the Sierra National Forest. These public lands are enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year in a variety of activities. Certain regulations have been established to encourage visitors to have a safe visit to the forest. Regulations for safe shooting are to provide for safety, protection, and enjoyment of all forest visitors and for the natural surroundings.

As a recreation shooter using the Federal lands, it is your responsibility to conduct your sport safely. You must be aware of and comply with all state, county and federal laws pertaining to the possession and transportation of firearms and to do it without damage to other forest users and to the natural environment.

There is private land within forest boundaries; permission must be obtained from the landowner to enter the land.

Valid California hunting licenses are required when hunting in the Sierra National Forest. Know and follow all California State Fish and Game rules and regulations.

SHOOTING REGULATIONS

The following forest regulations need to be followed during your visit:

- **Do Not** fire any tracer bullets or incendiary ammunition. (36CFR261.5(b))
- **Do Not** shoot at, injure, remove or destroy any natural feature or any federal property (36CFR261.9(a)) (includes rocks, brush, trees).
- **Do Not** use a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury or damage to property. (36CFR261.10(d);
 - 1) In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or other occupied area or;

- 2) Across or on a Forest Development road, or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.

- 3) Into or within any cave.

- Failing to dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, waste water or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area, or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.

(36CFR261.11(d))

Please keep your forest clean. **Pack out and remove ALL target materials, shells and boxes.** Failure to observe these regulations can result in a citation by a Forest Officer or any Peace Officer. These fines are punishable by up to a \$5,000 and or six months in jail.

SHOOTING SAFETY

- **Do Not** shoot in an area that has been closed to the use of firearms.
- Shoot at targets using a safe backstop, know the target, the backstop, the area behind, and surrounding areas before you pull the trigger.
- **Do Not** use bottles as targets or other glass objects.
- Visitors using paintballs, please clean up all marking debris and follow all rules.

All Are Welcome

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