

# Recreating in the Day Fire Area

## Mt. Pinos Ranger District Los Padres National Forest



### Beware of Hazards

The Day Fire burned more than 163,000 acres during September and October 2006. Out of concern for public safety, and to protect the landscape from further damage, the burned area was closed to public entry until spring 2007. Now that the area has been reopened for public use, we need your help to ensure that the land continues to recover and you have a safe and enjoyable visit.

There are still many hazards in the burned area. These include unstable slopes, rockslides, deep stump holes, and potential mudslides and flash floods. Hundreds of fire-damaged trees line many roadsides, routes and trails, especially in the Grade Valley and Alamo Mountain areas. These weakened trees can fall or shed limbs without warning causing extensive vehicle or property damage and serious injury.

***Conditions in the burned area are dynamic. Be alert at all times, especially during windy or wet weather.***

### Help the Land Heal

While signs of life are appearing already in the burned area it will take many years for the land to fully recover from the fire. Damaged soil and new vegetation is especially vulnerable to wheeled vehicles. The fire has removed natural barriers

and uncovered old vehicle routes and trails that are no longer used or authorized.

### What You Can Do

- Operate your vehicle only on designated routes. Do not drive cross-country or on old routes.
- Obey all closure and caution signs; respect locked gates.
- Ride your mountain bike on constructed trails only; don't travel cross-country through the burned area.
- Avoid trampling new vegetation.
- Don't camp, picnic, congregate or park your vehicle beneath burned trees.



### For More Information

For current conditions and restrictions, and a map of the designated off-highway vehicle system, please contact the Mt. Pinos Ranger District Office in Frazier Park, at (661) 245-3731. The office is located at 34580 Lockwood Valley Road.

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