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Subject: Suspension of Fire Wood Cutting.

To: All Plumas Employees

It is my decision to implement Fire Restriction Order No. 13-08. This order supersedes Order No. 03-08. Due to the high fire danger, it is necessary to suspend wood cutting on the Plumas National Forest.

These restrictions are being implemented due to the current “very dry” forest fuels conditions and the current and forecasted weather that indicate hot and dry conditions will continue the remainder of the summer months into the fall. The potential for a new fire start to exhibit extreme fire behavior is high.

Energy Release Components are at record levels and 100 hour and 1,000 hour fuels are at critical levels producing very high and extreme fire danger. Analyses of current fuel conditions and weather observations, as compared to historic data have shown that the current conditions are following historic “worst case” wildfire scenarios.

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment because the project is within Category #1 of Section 31.12, Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, which includes Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261. This regulation allows implementation of prohibitions or closures for short term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.

/s/ Alice B. Carlton
ALICE B. CARLTON
Forest Supervisor



**Order No. 13-08
Plumas National Forest
Fire Restrictions**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and because of the high fire danger, the following acts are prohibited within the Plumas National Forest. This order is effective from August 28, 2008, through the declared end of the 2008 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in the designated recreation sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within the designated recreation sites listed in Exhibit A, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).
5. Operating an internal combustion engine, except for a motor vehicle, outside of the designated recreation sites listed in Exhibit A. 36 CFR 261.52(h).

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. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit or a valid Forest Service fuel wood permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons may use suction dredges on water if authorized by a permit issued by the State of California.
4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on the Plumas National Forest are exempt from prohibitions No. 1, 2 and 5 while they are at their recreation residence.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions found in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Quincy, California this 27th day of August, 2008.

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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.

This Order supersedes Order No. 03-08, dated June 23, 2008.

**PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES
EXHIBIT A**

BECKWOURTH RANGER DISTRICT	MT. HOUGH RANGER DISTRICT	FEATHER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
A- Tree Campground	Boulder Creek Campground	Black Rock Tent Campground
Big Cove Campground	Bradys Camp	Cascade Creek Site at Forest Rd. 22N62
Chilcoot Campground	Bucks Lake Wilderness Area	Feather Falls Trailhead
Conklin Park Campground	Deanes Valley Campground	Golden Trout Campground
Cottonwood Group Campground	Gansner Bar Campground	Little Beaver Campground
Cottonwood Springs Campground	Greenville Campground	Little North Fork Site at Forest Rd. 23N60
Crocker Campground	Grizzly Creek Campground	Little North Fork Campground
Frenchman Campground	Grizzly Forebay Boat-in Campground	Milsap Bar Campground
Frenchman Picnic Area	Halstead Campground	Paradise Lake Picnic Area
Gold Lake 4X4 Campground	Hutchins Group Camp	Peninsula Tent Campground
Gold Lake Campground	Lone Rock Campground	Red Feather Campground
Gold Lake Picnic Area	Long Point Campground	Rogers Cow Camp
Goose Lake Campground	Long Point Group Campground	Running Deer Campground
Grasshopper Flat Campground	Lower Bucks Lake Campground	Sly Creek Campground
Grizzly Campground	Mill Creek Campground	South Fork Horse Camp
Haven Lake Campground	North Fork Campground	Strawberry Campground
Lakes Basin Campground	Queen Lily Campground	Tooms Vehicle Camp
Laufman Campground	Red Bridge Campground	Wyandotte Campground
Lightning Tree Campground	Rock Creek Campground	
McRae Meadows Campground	Silver Lake Campground	
Meadow View Campground	Snake Lake Campground	
Portola Picnic Area	Spanish Creek Campground	
Ross Camp	Sundew Campground	
Spring Creek Campground	Whitehorse Campground	