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Bucks Lake Wilderness Area Open

The Bucks Lake Wilderness Area located on the Plumas National Forest, and west of Quincy, CA, has reopened. The area had been closed as a result of fires that were sparked by a lightning storm on June 21 which became the Canyon Complex.

Additionally, the Cold Fire closure has been lifted. The closure encompassed the fire area west of Spring Garden, Sloat, Cromberg, south of the Quincy-LaPorte Road, and east of Nelson Creek. Visitors traveling in the area are advised to use caution by staying on established roads and to be alert to emergency vehicle traffic.

The Forest has rescinded the closure, Forest Order #06-08, in the Cold Fire area and the Bucks Lake Wilderness, known on previous maps as Closure Area #3 and #2 respectively, effective today. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) remains closed through the Plumas National Forest (Forest Order #05-08) from the Plumas National Forest northern boundary to the LaPorte-Quincy Hwy. (to the NE of Little Grass Valley Reservoir).

Other areas affected by the fires will remain closed until further notice. For more information about the closures and related maps, visit the Plumas National Forest website, www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas, or call:

• Supervisor's Office: (530) 283-2050

• Mt. Hough Ranger District: (530) 283-0555

• Beckwourth Ranger District: (530) 836-2575

• Feather River Ranger District: (530) 534-6500

For more information about other PCT closures, contact the Pacific Crest Trail Association, (916) 349-2109, or via info@pcta.org.

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Key points:

- 1) The Bucks Lake Wilderness Area and Cold Fire closure areas are open.
- 2) For more information, contact the Plumas National Forest, (530) 283-2050.
- 3) For information about the closure areas and related maps, visit the website, www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas.