

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO FOR THE RECORD - ORDER 01-08-02

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

SUBJECT

Closure of 2.6 miles of the Bear Creek Trail (non-motorized) located on the San Gabriel River Ranger District.

DECISION

It is our decision to issue a Forest Order closing a portion of the Bear Creek Trail due to a rock slide and loss of tread.

NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

The need for this action is based on the need to protect natural resources and provide for public safety. A 29 foot portion of the Bear Creek trail collapsed during a rock slide making it dangerous for public access. The rock slide has created a narrow section requiring trail users to traverse on a narrow six inch section with loose gravel and soil. If the trail user were to lose their footing they would be subject to a 58 foot drop to the bottom of the drainage with an 80 % slope. The Bear Creek Trail extends through the San Gabriel Wilderness from the north trail head located at California Highway 39, mile marker 32.12 then south for 10.5 miles to the end along Los Angeles county West Fork road. The portion of the trail that will be closed begins at the upper trail head at California Highway 39 then south for 2.6 miles to the southern most portion of the rock slide. The remaining 7.9 miles of the trail will remain open, although not a through trail, with ingress and egress beginning at the southern most portion of the trail located on the West Fork road. Signs will be placed at the beginning and end of the trail in addition to signs at the actual slide area.

REASONS FOR CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

This decision is categorically excluded from documentation under Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 31.12(1) – Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 – Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety. This action is not subject to appeal.

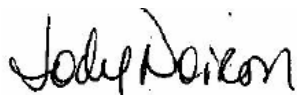
PARTNER COORDINATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This action will be effective March 1, 2008

APPROVED this 29 day of February, 2008



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