



Central Valley District  
Calaveras Sector  
Calaveras Big Trees State Park

**Superintendent's Posted Order 732-002-06-23-16**

Prohibited Campfire Areas at Calaveras Big Trees State Park

1. California is in the fifth year of a severe drought and the environmental factors that affect how a fire burns, such as fuel load, moisture content of fuels, humidity, air temperatures and wind, have been identified by Cal Fire to increase the threat of a major fire and may increase erratic fire behavior or rapid spread of a fire.
2. California Code of Regulations 4311 (c) Upon a finding of extreme fire hazard by the Department no person shall smoke or build fires in portions of units other than those designated by the Department for such purposes. To limit the potential fire risk in these remote areas, California State Parks has decided to prohibit campfires in these areas.
3. The Governor's State of Emergency signed on October 30, 2015 addresses the Tree Mortality and directs state agencies to designate "High Hazard Zones" due to dead and dying trees and the hazards tree mortality presents. Calaveras Big Trees State Park located within both Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties are considered High Hazard Zones.
4. Effective immediately and through May 31, 2017, campfires are prohibited at all areas outside of the developed campsites at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, including the environmental campsites (Lone Snag, Stanislaus View, Sugar Pine, White Fir, and Beaver Creek).
5. Campfires are only permitted in the developed campgrounds and cabin areas, in the provided fire rings. These areas include the North Grove Campground, Oak Hollow Campground, Group Campground, Campfire Center and at the rental cabins.
6. The following exceptions apply to this order:
  - a. Department employees, or its contractors, while in the performance of their official responsibilities such as resource management or other authorized work.
  - b. Additional exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the District Superintendent or his/her designee: Central Valley District, 22708 Broadway Road, Columbia, CA 95310-9400.

- c. Nothing herein shall affect any private contract or property rights.
- d. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

*Authority:*

*California Public Resources Code, Section 5003*

*California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 4300, 4311, 4326*

*Executive Order 10-30-2015*

DECLARATION OF POSTING


Superintendent's Posted Order

June 28, 2016

I hereby declare that on June 28, 2016, the Superintendent's Posted Order prohibiting campfires at the environmental campsites at Calaveras Big Trees State Park, hereto attached, were posted at offices of those districts and parks which were determined necessary by the District Superintendent of the Central Valley District, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301 (i).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed,



Jess Cooper,  
District Superintendent  
Central Valley District

Date Posted June 28, 2016