



Central Valley District
Calaveras Sector
Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Superintendent's Posted Order 732-002-07-20-17

Prohibited Campfire Areas at Calaveras Big Trees State Park

1. California is currently experiencing severe fire weather conditions with above average temperatures, reduced humidity and drying winds. Furthermore, the drought and bark beetle caused tree mortality throughout the Sierra has increased the fuel loading to dangerous levels. These conditions have been identified by Cal Fire to increase the threat of a major fire and may increase erratic fire behavior and the rate of spread.
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. Effective immediately and through November 15, 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).
4. 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. Smoking is only permitted in the paved parking areas at the Visitor Center and rental cabins and the developed campsites.
5. 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

DECLARATION OF POSTING

Superintendent's Posted Order
July 20, 2017

I hereby declare that on July 20, 2017, 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 July 20, 2017