Whereas: The dramatic growth and popularity of UAS within the Tehachapi District has numerous negative impacts to the special resources, park operations, and the unique visitor experiences afforded by the District. UAS are an emergent technology generally inconsistent with the park experience. UAS can have a negative impacts on the regional wildlife found within the Tehachapi District. UAS can be noisy and intrusive to natural soundscapes and vistas. Further, UAS can interfere with emergency rescue operations.

Therefore:

1. To protect wildlife and cultural resources, and for the safety and welfare of the visitors and staff; the Park units in the Tehachapi District are closed to the use of Model Aircraft, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Glider in flight.
2. The District Superintendent, or his designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park, and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife, and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Tehachapi District 15101 Lancaster Road, Lancaster, California, 93536.
3. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual, and residential or property rights.
4. This order shall remain in effect until the adoption of model aircraft/unmanned aircraft systems/glider regulation by the Department.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.

6. This Order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4301 (i)

So Ordered: Russ Dingman, District Superintendent (OOC), Tehachapi District

Authority: California Public Resource Code Section 5003 and California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Sections 4301, 4326
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Parks and Recreation – Tehachapi District

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

Of District Superintendent's Order Number 900-17-001

Tehachapi District
Posted Order – Model Aircraft/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Glider

Effective January 20, 2017

I hereby certify that on this date, incompliance with California Code of Regulations, Section 4301 (i), Posting, copies of this order were posted at the Tehachapi District office, the Southern Division Chief's Office Sacramento, California and at locations convenient to the public within the Tehachapi District.

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

SIGNED:

Russ Dingman, District Superintendent, Tehachapi District

Date