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Central Valley District Calaveras Sector

Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Superintendent's Posted Order 730-010-20

Prohibited Campfires and Ignition Sources at Calaveras Big Trees State Park

1. California is currently experiencing unprecedented wildfires, 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, California State Parks has decided to prohibit campfires in these areas below.

3. Effective immediately and through October 31, 2020, campfires and briquette barbecues are prohibited at all areas of the park, including all developed and undeveloped campsites, environmental campsites (Lone Snag, Stanislaus View, Sugar Pine, White Fir, and Beaver Creek) at Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Propane stoves may be used only in the developed campsites including Oak Hollow Campground, North Grove Campground, and Cabin area.

4. 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 September 15, 2020

I hereby declare that on September 15, 2020, the Superintendent's Posted Order prohibiting campfires, use of briquette barbecues, and all ignition sources, at all areas of Calaveras Big Trees State Park, with the exception of the use of propane fueled stoves in the developed campgrounds, 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,

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Jess Cooper, District Superintendent Central Valley District

Date Posted September 15, 2020