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Reduced Caldor Fire Closure reopens more of the Eldorado National Forest

PLACERVILLE, CA - The Eldorado National Forest is issuing a reduced Caldor Fire Closure under [Forest Order No. 03-21-21](#) allowing additional areas of the forest to reopen beginning Thursday, December 2, 2021. The Caldor Fire is 100% contained and controlled, but it is still not completely out. Pockets of fuel will continue to smolder and other hazards are still present from fire-killed trees, damage to the roads and trails system, and potential water runoff, debris flows, landslides, and rock fall during the wet weather season.

“Fire recovery is a long process, but this reduced fire closure represents progress being made to mitigate some of the most urgent hazards”, said Forest Supervisor Jeff Marsolais. “As more hazard mitigation is completed and the weather becomes more favorable, I anticipate opening additional areas and ultimately lifting the fire closure entirely,” he added.

The [Caldor Fire Closure Order](#) includes a map and a list of roads and trails within the closure area. Areas that will reopen include Wright’s Lake which can be accessed only via the Wrights Lake Tie Road (11N37 or Road 32). The southern portion of Wrights Lake Road remains closed to Highway 50. Also reopening are the Iron Mountain, Meiss and Echo Johnson Sno-parks.

Several winter recreation special use permit sites including Adventure Mountain, Sierra-at-Tahoe and Kirkwood ski resort will open when their winter operating plans have been received and accepted. Please contact these sites for updates on their projected timing for opening this season.

Mormon Emigrant Trail (Iron Mountain Road) remains closed but will be reevaluated for possible over the snow use later this winter.

Visitors are urged to exercise caution as hazards created by the fire will persist and additional hazards are anticipated with upcoming winter conditions.

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The Forest Supervisor will continue to reassess the fire closure and will make adjustments and revisions as conditions allow.

The following persons are exempt from the Caldor Fire Closure on the Eldorado National Forest:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire-fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.
3. Persons with a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license or Forest Service special use authorization for an electric transmission line, an oil or gas pipeline, or a communications site may access their permit areas to conduct administrative functions to protect property and related assets.
4. Commercial recreation special-use permit holders and their customers are not exempt from this Forest Order; however, commercial recreation special-use permit holders may access their permitted areas under the terms and conditions of their permits to conduct administrative functions and to protect property and related assets. Recreation residence permit holders are not exempt from this Order.
5. Owners or lessees of land and residents of such private landholdings, to the extent necessary to access their land.

For more information about the Eldorado National Forest, visit the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado. Visitor information specialists are also available by phone from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday:

- Forest Supervisors' Office – 530-303-2412
- Georgetown Ranger District – 530-334-6477
- Pacific / Placerville Ranger District – 530-644-2324
- Amador Ranger District – 209-259-3774

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