

PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
FOREST ORDER 01-01
CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS

In the interest of public safety, the Plumas National Forest is implementing an order closing the travertine quarry within the Soda Rock Special Interest Area.

The travertine quarry encompasses 6.1 acres of the Soda Rock Special Interest Area. The quarry has not operated since April of 1997 and reclamation of the site has not been completed. With the rubble or debris left over from quarry operations, the high headwalls, and the abandoned equipment, the public should be excluded from this area until reclamation is complete.

From approximately 1965 until 1997, the public did not have access to this area. The quarry was in active operation and gated, excluding the public for safety reasons. After the operations ceased, the quarry access road was opened and has remained open. From 1997 until the present, there has been very little use of this area by the public.

The size of the area involved, the minimal use of the site, and the order being temporary until reclamation is complete, limits the scope of this action. Therefore, no negative civil rights impacts are anticipated. When the quarry is restored to a more natural condition, the area will be reopened to the public.

The Maidu Native American community was the only group identified that may be affected by this proposed action. The Maidu consider many features located within the Soda Rock Special Interest Area significant to their cultural heritage. However, within the area of the quarry, no features remain. If the Maidu require access for ceremonial use, a permit authorizing the use will be issued.

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Forest Supervisor

Date 1/04/01

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY CLOSURE

TRAVERTINE QUARRY AT SODA ROCK SPECIAL INTEREST AREA

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50(a), and to protect the public health and safety, effective January 5, 2001 and until further notice, the following acts are prohibited within the Plumas National Forest.

1. Going into or being upon the travertine quarry located at the Soda Rock Special Interest Area. Township 25 North, Range 9 East, SW 1/4 Section 3 MDM (see Exhibits A and B. Quarry Closure Area Maps). 36 CFR 26 1.53(e).

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order.

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Quincy, California, in the County of Plumas, In the Eastern District of California, this 5th day of January, 2001.

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