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Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument

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Piute Mountains Closed to Woodcutting

Kernville, Ca...Forest Officials announced today woodcutting in the Piute mountains will be closed for the rest of the season.

District Ranger, Rick Larson stated, "Due to the recent "Piute" fire, the area is covered with both dead and live recovering trees. Many of the scorched trees will recover and therefore we need to ensure those are not felled and are allowed that opportunity." Larson continued, "The burned area should be allowed to rest and recover for at least a year."

There also exists a concern for public safety. The unstable trees within the burn area pose a hazard to the public and an increased risk if woodcutters attempt to fall them.

Woodcutting is still allowed on the Greenhorns, Breckenridge, Cannell Meadow/Kern Plateau and Hot Springs with a valid 2008 woodcutting permit.

For further information or assistance, please call the Lake Isabella Visitor Center at (760) 379-5646 or the Kernville Ranger Station at (760) 376-3781.

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