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Area closure order issued for Dolan Fire

GOLETA, Calif.— Los Padres National Forest officials issued a forest order closing the Dolan Fire area on the Monterey Ranger District to the public effective tomorrow, August 26. Forest Service law enforcement officers will strictly enforce the closure order, which carries a penalty of \$5,000 and/or six months in jail.

The boundary of the Dolan Fire Closure Area begins near Timber Top following the North Coast Ridge Road (20S05) east to Cold Spring Camp and the Big Sur Trail. Continuing eastward, the closure boundary follows the South Fork Trail (3E09) to the Marble Peak Trail (4E07) where it intersects with the Arroyo Seco/Indians Road (19S09) and follows the road southeast to the National Forest boundary and then southwest along the boundary to Nacimiento-Fergusson Road (22S01) where it heads west along the northern edge of the road to Highway 1. The closure boundary then heads north along Highway 1 where it intersects the National Forest boundary near Limekiln State Parks and follows the boundary back to the beginning of the Closure Area, as shown on the attached map.

The Dolan Fire started August 18 and has burned 20,213 acres and is 15 percent contained. Incident Management Team 2 is in Unified Command with the Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. Closure of the fire area is intended to help ensure that members of the public are not injured within the fire perimeter, to keep the area clear for fire equipment traffic, and to allow for the scorched landscape to begin the rehabilitation and regrowth process. This order will expire when the Dolan Fire is fully contained and controlled.

For additional information about the Dolan Fire, please visit the InciWeb incident page at <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7018/</u> or call (831) 272-0222. Email inquiries can be sent to <u>2020.dolan@firenet.gov</u>.

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