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This letter documents my review of the proposed action to administratively close a portion of Forest Service Road 3N17 as well as axial roads that feed into FS3N17. This administrative closure will only apply to those stretches of roads that are on National Forest system lands. The portion of FS3N17 that will be closed is from Alder Saddle westward to FS3N17 intersection with the BPL road near North Fork Station. Axial roads also closed will be FS4N32 (BPL Road) between FS3N17 and FS4N33, FS4N33 (Moody Truck Trail) between FS3N17 and FS4N32, FS4N24 (Beartrap Truck Trail/SCE Service Road) between FS3N17 and Aliso Canyon Road, FS3N90 (Roundtop) between FS3N17 and Roundtop Peak, and FS3N32 (Mendenhall Ridge Road) between 3N17 and Indian Ben Saddle. My review input from staff from the LARRD and SCMRRD, and law enforcement. Based upon this review, I have decided that this action is excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS and falls within a category of actions for which a project or case file and Decision Memo are not required.

Specifically, Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.15, Chapter 31.12, Category 1 states:

1. Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety.

This portion of FS3N17, and portions of the other road segments closed, has dead tree issues that should be mitigated before the public is allowed to access the area in any large scale manner. The Forest is preparing an environmental document to facilitate the removal of dead trees that may pose a threat to public safety. It is anticipated that these road segments will be reopened to the public once the tree project is completed.

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