



# News Release

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## Labor Day Forest Safety

**OAKHURST, Calif., August 31, 2016** – As Labor Day weekend approaches, thousands of people will visit outdoor recreation areas throughout the foothill and mountain areas of the Sierra's. In anticipation of the increased outdoor activities, Sierra National Forest officials are urging everyone to exercise extra caution and be safe this holiday weekend.

Wildfires continue to burn throughout California and much of the state remains at high risk for wildfires. Weather recreating on the land, water or in the air over the Sierra National Forest, residents and visitors need to be extremely cautious while enjoying the last long weekend of summer with friends and families. Campfires are allowed in designated and developed campgrounds listed in Forest Order 05-15-00-16-12. Campsite closures are listed in Forest Order 05-15-00-16-11.

Widespread tree mortality has left many hazardous trees throughout the forest. Beware of broken limbs and damaged trees that may fall at any time. Look up and look around before you park your car or set up your camp. Be especially cautious when it's windy.

Forest Order 05-15-00-16-12 -

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