

ORDER NO. 12-08

**SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST
GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT
WESTERN DIVIDE RANGER DISTRICT
NEEDLES LOOKOUT AREA CLOSURE**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety, the following act is prohibited within the Western Divide Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. This Order is effective from May 12, 2012, through July 31, 2012.

Going into or being upon the Needles Lookout Closure Area. The Needles Lookout Closure Area includes the Needles Lookout, which is located on a single spire commonly referred to as The Magician, a 100-foot buffer around the base of the spire, and being on or within 100 feet of the Needles Lookout, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.52(e).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

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

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Porterville, California this 11th day of May, 2012.



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Closed Spire (AKA The Magician)