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Sulphur Dioxide Levels Temporarily Close Park

Based on weather forecasts and current plume models, sulphur dioxide levels have reached the designated closure threshold in areas of the park. Therefore, Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando has ordered the closure of the park until further notice. For the safety of everyone, park operations have been curtailed and park rangers are in the process of closing the park.

There is no immediate threat to anyone's safety. National Park Service (NPS) emergency responders will remain on duty until further notice.

Weather – like an active volcano – is unpredictable.

The park will reopen when favorable winds return and sulphur dioxide levels diminish in the area.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the multiple opportunities available throughout Hawai'i Island including locations in Hilo: Imiloa Astronomy Center, Lyman Mission House and Museum, Pacific Tsunami Museum, and Mokuapapa Discovery Center.