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Government Shutdown Forces Closure of Lava Beds National Monument & Tule Lake Unit

TULELAKE, California— Because of the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations, the National Park Service (NPS) has closed all 401 national parks, including Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit. All visitor facilities including the Lava Beds and Tule Lake Unit visitor centers, campgrounds and roads are closed. The park will remain closed until the government reopens.

Mike Reynolds, park superintendent said that park visitors in the Indian Wells Campground were given 48 hours to make travel arrangements and leave the park. In addition, all park programs and special events have been cancelled, including: school programs, campfire programs, guided cave tours and tours of the historic buildings at the Tule Lake sites.

Lava Beds National Monument hosts up to 1,000 visitors each week in October; nationally, more than 715,000 visitors a day frequent the National Park System. The park will lose an estimated \$6,000 of entrance fees each week of the shutdown. Nationwide the NPS stands to lose approximately \$450,000 per day in lost revenue from fees collected at entry stations and fees paid for in-park activities such as camping. Gateway communities across the country see about \$76 million per day in total sales from visitor spending that is lost during a government shutdown. Lava Beds and Tule Lake Unit visitors spend about \$4,678,000 a year in the Tulelake and Klamath Basins.

In Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit, 46 employees are on unpaid furlough because of the shutdown. Four employees remain on duty, providing security and emergency services.

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Nationwide the shutdown has also furloughed more than 20,000 National Park Service employees; approximately 3,000 employees remain on duty to ensure essential health, safety, and security functions at parks and facilities. About 12,000 park concessions employees are also affected.

Because it will not be maintained, the National Park Service website will be down for the duration of the shutdown. NPS.gov has more than 750,000 pages and 91 million unique visitors each year.

For updates on the shutdown, please visit www.doi.gov/shutdown.

National Park Service employees care for America's 401 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8100, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe.

The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 29,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

For more information about visiting the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, call 530-260-0537, email tule_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/tule.

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