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Lava Beds National Monument & Tule Lake Unit Reopens!

TULELAKE, California— Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument are excited to open for visitors after sixteen days of closure due to the shutdown of the federal government caused by the lapse in appropriations. The National Park Service (NPS) closed all 401 national parks, including Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit. 48 employees were on furlough due to the shutdown. Four employees remained on duty, providing security and emergency services. All visitor facilities including the Lava Beds and Tule Lake Unit visitor centers, campgrounds, and roads have reopened.

“We would like to thank the people of the Tulelake Basin for understanding and respecting the park closure,” says Rad Dew, acting park superintendent. “We are excited to open and look forward to welcoming visitors back to the parks!”

Lava Beds National Monument hosts up to 1,000 visitors on average each week in October. The economic impact of closing the parks for 16 days has been extremely tough on our gateway communities, local businesses, neighbors, and park partners. Visitors spend about \$4,678,000 a year in the Tulelake Basin.

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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!

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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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