



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Manzanar National Historic Site

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Closure Order #20-001

March 17, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the follow park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Government Administrative Offices
- Visitor Center
- Exterior Exhibit Buildings – Block 14/Fire Department Interpretive Exhibits
- Vault Toilet at Historic Cemetery

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the following activities are restricted in Manzanar National Historic Site effective immediately, until further notice:

- Commercial Filming
- Special Park Uses
- Gatherings of more than 10 people

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)-(2)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Manzanar National Historic Site, including park visitors, government employees, and stakeholders, except as follows: 1) authorized employees or stakeholders providing essential services or 2) authorized employees that need to access the site for short periods in support of current telework assignments.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with public health directives and orders from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Governor of the State of California, Inyo County Public Health Department:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

State of California Executive Order: <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

State of California Public Health Officer Order:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Health%20Order%203.19.2020.pdf>

Inyo County Public Health Office Order regarding Gatherings:

https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-03/ORDER_3.20.20.pdf

Inyo County Public Health Office Order on Businesses Operating:

https://www.inyocounty.us/sites/default/files/2020-03/03.31.2020.HO-Operating-Business_0.pdf

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

- Public health directives require social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. Allowing visitors in the Visitor Center or Exhibits in Block 14 and Block 13 is likely to violate the requirement that persons stay at least 6 feet from each other.
- Public health directors prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people. Allowing individuals to mingle and gather within the park increases the risk of disease introduction and spread.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis, and the order will be modified or rescinded when conditions warrant.

Approval: _____
Superintendent

Date