



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
1 Bear Valley Road  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

## Determination of Temporary Closure

### 36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent may:

(1). Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use activity.

<b>1. Temporary Closure Location:</b> Drakes Beach.	
<b>2. Duration of Temporary Closure:</b> January 2, 2024, until further notice.	
<b>3. Who is affected by the Temporary Closure:</b> All visitors.	
<b>4. Justification for Temporary Closure:</b> This emergency prohibition of beach fires is designed to minimize the possibility of human and elephant seal interactions on Drakes Beach. Elephant seals have started hauling out on this beach and are expected to be on the beach until March or April.	
<b>5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Closure:</b> This temporary prohibition is necessary to protect marine mammals and to provide for visitor safety.	
Craig Kenkel /s/*	
<b>Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore</b>	<b>Date:</b> January 2, 2024

\*The signed Determination of Temporary Closure is on file at park headquarters.