

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Determination of Temporary Trail 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

1. Temporary Trail Closure Location:

Sky Trail, between its junctions with Baldy Trail and Coast Trail only.

2. Duration of Temporary Trail Closure:

Between the hours of 9am and 3pm on one day between Wednesday, April 16th and Friday April 18th. Work is currently scheduled for April 16th but could be delayed to the 17th or 18th if winds are too high for safe application.

3. Who is affected by the Temporary Trail Closure?

All visitors.

4. Justification for Temporary Trail Closure:

For visitor safety during restoration work, which includes herbicide application.

5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Trail Closure:

Point Reyes National Seashore preserves some of California's last remaining native coastal habitats. The Woodward fire burn area contains a diversity of native plant communities. The establishment of invasive species is the greatest threat to post-fire native vegetation recovery. Centaurea melitensis is a highly invasive star thistle that is spreading in coastal scrub along Coast and Sky trail areas. Crews have been unable to effectively control this species manually due to its high numbers post-fire. Herbicide is needed for effective control, but no persons without proper PPE and training should pass through the area while crews are spraying.

Anne Altman /s/*

Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore Date: 4/9/25

^{*}The signed Determination of Temporary Closure is on file at park headquarters.