

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 Closure Location:

Coast Trail, between its junctions with Woodward Valley Trail and Sky Trail only.

2. Duration of Temporary Closure:

The trail will be closed to visitors on Friday, April 4th while crews are performing restoration work (applying herbicide) between the hours of 9am and 1pm.

3. Who is affected by the Temporary Closure:

All visitors.

4. Justification for Temporary Closure:

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

5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary 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: April 3, 2025

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