



# 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:

6/19/2020

## 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.

**1. Temporary Closure Locations:** Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from Drakes Beach Road to the headlands, including the lighthouse access road and the Chimney Rock Road.

**2. Duration of Temporary Closure:** From the present until further notice

**3. Who is Affected by this Temporary Closure:** All visitor use

**4. Justification for Temporary Closure:** The Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Project CA FLAP CR109(1) Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Point Reyes Road Improvements Project Contract Number 6982AF20C000016 was initiated on March 13, 2020. The project is identified as an Essential Government Public Works Activity by FHWA, Marin County and the NPS and will continue consistent with Federal, State and Local public health orders. Unforeseen conditions beneath the road base have caused delays to the contractor's schedule and it is not safe to allow public access in any form on these roads during this construction activity.

**5. Additional Justification:** A May 29, 2020 updated closure order associated with the COVID 19 Public Health Orders issued by the County of Marin and State effected the following park areas and facilities remain closed until further notice:

- Sir Francis Drake Blvd from the Drakes Beach Access Road to "A" Ranch
- Mt. Vision Road
- Mesa Road from the Commonweal parking lot to the Palomarin Trailhead
- Visitor Centers, administrative offices, and areas normally locked during non-business hours and closed to the public (i.e. lighthouse stairs). except for essential personnel requiring access

The Lighthouse is currently closed until safe access regarding COVID-19 can be provided to visitors.

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**Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore**

**Date:** 6/22/20

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