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United States Department of the Interior NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park
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Area Protection – Sensitive Species

The 2011-2012 Winter has been an unprecedented dry season. The month of December did not record a single day of precipitation, a condition that has persisted into January. Near term forecasts do not provide a clear date for a seasoning ending snow event that has traditionally closed high elevation roads. These roads remain open to the public, including the Glacier Point Road. Summit Meadow located on the south side of Glacier Point road is therefore experiencing unexpected visitation without winter conditions. The limited snow cover is providing an attraction to visitors who's trampling of the meadow also threatens the meadow's health and habitat for sensitive wildlife species. This closure order is to increase the resiliency of the meadow and is taken in order to reduce the impacts to these sensitive species and their habitat.

By order of the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and under authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a) and Section (a)(1):
Summit Meadow south of Glacier Point Road is closed to public access.

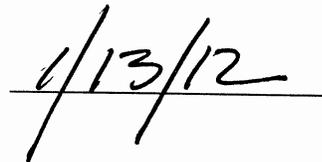
Notice of closure will be posted and area will be monitored to ensure compliance. Your cooperation in complying with this temporary restriction is greatly appreciated.

The designation will remain in place until rescinded.



Don L. Neubacher
Superintendent

Date



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