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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Restricts Group Sizes in Nevada to Limit Spread of COVID-19

Spark, NV., March 26, 2020 – The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has issued a Forest Order restricting group sizes in Nevada to no more than nine people in any location at any time. These actions have been enacted based on Federal and State guidance to limit the spread of COVID-19 to protect public health and safety. This decision was based on the best available medical advice to limit gatherings of large numbers of people, to promote social distancing, and be in support of Governor Sisolak's Restrictions on Public Gatherings. https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.24-PUBLIC-GATHERING-DIRECTIVE_.pdf

"Our priority is always to protect the health and safety of the public and our employees," said Forest Supervisor Bill Dunkelberger. "Limiting group sizes on Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Lands in Nevada will help us meet that goal and align with Governor's Sisolak's directives to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

This temporary closure is effective from today's date to the end of June and may be rescinded earlier if the COVID-19 pandemic recedes. Violation of this closure may result in a fine or imprisonment.

The Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation, reevaluate the potential impacts, and adjust operations to keep the public and our employees healthy and safe. Before heading out to the Forest, be aware of existing and impending weather conditions and check with the National Weather Service frequently for updates. Also, visitors are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>

For more information on how to stay safe out in the Forest, visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/alerts-notice/?cid=fseprd573315>

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The Humboldt-Toiyabe's spectacular 6.3 million acres make it the largest national forest in the lower 48 states. Located in Nevada and a small portion of eastern California, the Forest offers year-round recreation of all types.

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