

## **California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release**

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### **Cache Creek Natural Area Closed Due to Rocky Fire**

The Cache Creek Natural Area is closed to all public use and access until further notice due to the Rocky Fire burning in Lake, Yolo and Colusa counties. This closure affects state lands managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), including the Cache Creek Wildlife Area, and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), including the Cache Creek Wilderness Area within the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Additional closures are in effect at the Knoxville Wildlife Area managed by CDFW and the Knoxville Recreation Area managed by BLM.

Road closures are also in effect. The Highway 20 corridor is closed from Highway 53 to Highway 16, both directions of Ogulin County Road, and Highway 16 is closed from Highway 20 to County Road 41. Jerusalem Valley Road is closed to all traffic at Spruce Grove Road. CAL FIRE is urging motorists to stay vigilant and adhere to frequently changing evacuations and road closures. Due to significant fire activity, it is unknown when the areas will be safe to reopen.

“Safety is our first priority and we are cooperating with emergency responders who are working hard to get this fire under control,” said Garry Kelly, an environmental program manager with CDFW’s North Central Region. “It is highly unlikely that the Cache Creek Natural Area will open before the Saturday deer hunting opener, and not yet determined if it will open before the season closes on Sept. 20.”

For more information about the closures, please call CDFW’s North Central Region at (916) 358-2900 or Rocky Fire Information Center at (707) 967-4207. The message will be revised as more information becomes available.

For current updates on the Rocky Fire, please visit the CAL FIRE Incident Information website, [http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents\\_details\\_info?incident\\_id=1161](http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/incidents_details_info?incident_id=1161).