

## Proposed Regulatory Text

Section 550, Title 14, CCR, is amended as follows:

### **§ 550. General Regulations for Public Use on All Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands.**

. . . [No changes to subsections (a) through (b)(18)]

(c) Visitor Entry and Responsibilities.

. . . [No changes to subsection (c)(1)]

(2) Visitor entry onto department land is at the discretion of the department, which may limit entry as it deems appropriate, to manage and protect fish, wildlife, native plants, habitats and other natural resources. Entry may require payment of a fee, a pass and/or an entry permit as provided in subsection 550.5(c).

. . . [No changes to subsections (c)(2)(A) through (c)(2)(C)]

(D) The department may close all or portions of department land to visitors entirely, seasonally, or to specific activities or uses, and may limit the number of visitors entering an area for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to avoid or reduce environmental disturbance, to limit the take of species, or to protect natural or cultural resources. Designated closures and use restrictions for specific properties are provided in sections 551 (for wildlife areas) and 630 (for ecological reserves) of these regulations.

1. The department may close any department land, or portion thereof, to any or all visitor use or access, without notice, by posting closed signs.
2. No visitor(s), other than those possessing written authorization from the department, shall enter or access any department land or portion thereof which is closed to visitors, including areas posted with closed signs and seasonally closed areas. This restriction does not apply to department employees or designees in the performance of official duties.
3. On all Type A and Type B wildlife areas during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons, no entry permits will be issued after 3:00 p.m.

. . . [No changes to subsections (c)(2)(E) through (c)(3)]

(4) Electric bicycles and motorized transportation devices (including but not limited to motorized bicycles, scooters, and carts) are prohibited on all department lands except where posted as allowed.

~~(4)~~ (5) Penalties.

(A) A visitor's failure to comply with sections 550, 551, 552 or 630 of these regulations may result in any or all of the following:

1. denial of permission to enter department lands;
2. revocation of any pass and/or permit already issued;

3. ejection from department lands for up to one calendar year from the date of discovery; and
4. citation or arrest under applicable provisions of the Fish and Game Code or these regulations.

(B) proceeding under any of the above provisions shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy.

. . . [No changes to subsections (d) through (h)]

(i) Regional Manager's Authority.

(1) The regional manager or ~~his~~their designee shall have the authority to place temporary restrictions on visitor use of department land for the purposes of protecting public health and safety or natural resources when circumstances warrant additional restrictions, and where such restrictions are not provided in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations.

. . . [No changes to subsections (i)(2) through (z)]

(aa) Aircraft. No visitor shall operate any aircraft, drone, or other unmanned aircraft system (UAS), hovercraft, or hot air balloon within department lands except as authorized by a Special Use Permit issued by the department.

. . . [No changes to subsections (bb) through (dd)]

(ee) Woodcutting. Woodcutting is prohibited on all department lands.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203, 205, ~~265~~, ~~710~~, ~~710.5~~, ~~710.7~~, 1050, 1530, 1583, 1745, 1764, 1765, 3003.1, 3004.5, 3039, 4001, 4004, 4150 and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 355, 711, 713, 1050, 1055.3, 1301, 1526, 1528, 1530, ~~1570~~, ~~1571~~, ~~1572~~, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1745, 1761, 1764, 1765, 1907, 2006 and 10504, Fish and Game Code; and Sections 25455, 26150 and 26155, Penal Code.