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San Bernardino National Forest Anticipates Busy Fourth of July Holiday *Fireworks Are Prohibited on the National Forest*

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., June 27, 2014 –The San Bernardino National Forest is preparing for one of the biggest recreation weekends of the year, as forest visitors come to enjoy camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and a variety of other recreational activities on the national forest in celebration of our country's independence.

Visitors are reminded that possession and use of fireworks within the boundaries of the national forest is prohibited by law at all times and is strictly enforced.

Wood and charcoal fires are only permitted in designated fire rings and stoves in campgrounds and picnic grounds. Visitors camping in general forest areas can use a propane or gas cooking stove with a valid California Campfire Permit.

Recreational shooting is limited to Public Shooting Ranges operated under special use permit only, except those engaged in legal hunting.

"I am encouraging our visitors to plan ahead, and be fire-aware during their forest visit," said Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. "With the public's help, we can make this a safe and enjoyable holiday".

All family and group campgrounds will be open for the holiday. Many campsites are available on a first-come first-serve basis, but to ensure a campsite this time of year, visitors are encouraged to make reservations. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777.

Forest visitors are encouraged to "**Know Before You Go**" and call ahead to the local Ranger Station to check on location conditions and restrictions at the following offices:

San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor's Office: 909-382-2600
Barton Flats Visitor Center 909-794-4861
Big Bear Discovery Center 909-382-2790
Lytle Creek Ranger Station 909-382-2851
Idyllwild Ranger Station: 909-382-2922
Millcreek Ranger Station: 909-382-2881
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitors Center 760-862-9984

Professional Fireworks Displays near the San Bernardino National Forest

Thursday July 3rd

Riverside – Riverside National Cemetery
San Jacinto – Soboba Casino
Lucerne Valley - Pioneer Park
Landers - Homestead Valley Park

Friday July 4th

Apple Valley - Brewster Park
Big Bear Valley – Big Bear Lake on the lake
Beaumont – Stewart Park
Fontana - Fontana High School
Lake Arrowhead - Lake Arrowhead on the lake
Palm Desert - Palm Desert Civic Center Park
Palm Springs - Palm Springs Stadium
Rancho Cucamonga – Loanmart Field
Redlands – Redlands University
San Jacinto – Valley-wide Regional Park
Yucca Valley - Yucca Valley Sports Park
Victorville - San Bernardino County Fair Grounds

Saturday July 5th

Crestline – Lake Gregory Regional Park
Desert Hot Springs - Mission Lakes Blvd

About the U.S. Forest Service:

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live. Learn more at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

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