



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Road
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Determination of Temporary Trail Closure

36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

- (a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent may:
- 1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use activity

1. Temporary Trail Closure Location: Sky Trail, between its junctions with Baldy Trail and Coast Trail only.	
2. Duration of Temporary Trail Closure: April 17 th , during the active restoration work (estimated window 9am and 3pm)	
3. Who is affected by the Temporary Trail Closure? All visitors.	
4. Justification for Temporary Trail Closure: For visitor safety during restoration work, which includes herbicide application.	
5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Trail Closure: PORE preserves some of California's last remaining native coastal habitats. The Woodward fire burn area contains a diversity of native plant communities. The establishment of invasive species is the greatest threat to post-fire native vegetation recovery. <i>Centaurea melitensis</i> is a highly invasive star thistle that is spreading in coastal scrub along Sky trail. Crews have been unable to effectively control this species manually due to the extremely high density of the infestation, and their work has caused erosion on the slope. Herbicide is needed for effective control, but no persons without proper PPE and training should pass through the area during application. Trail crew may also use this closure to clear fallen trees on this section of Sky trail, which will create additional overhead hazards.	
Anne Altman /s/* Acting Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore	Date: April 11, 2024

*The signed Determination of Temporary Closure is on file at park headquarters.