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**DESPITE NO FIRE THREAT TO REDDING, NATIONAL FORESTS CLOSE ACROSS CALIFORNIA TO MINIMIZE RISK OF WILDFIRES**

REDDING, Calif. (Sept. 9, 2020) – While there is no fire danger in Redding and Shasta County, the United States Forest Service announced Wednesday the closure all national forests in California through Sept. 14.

These forests include the five national forests in the Shasta Cascade region of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino, and Klamath national forests. All people need to leave the forest service land and marinas are instructing people to locate their boats and bring them to shore, said the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters.

In response to the wildfire risk, Lassen Volcanic National Park implemented a park-wide fire restriction and early closure of Butte Lake, Warner Valley, and Juniper Lake campgrounds for the remainder of the summer/fall season. The early closure begins Monday, Sept. 14 at noon. All three areas remain open for day use only.

The following attractions are closed through Sept. 14:

- Lake Shasta Caverns National Natural Landmark
- Shasta Lake

The following attractions are open with limitations

- Day-use for Lassen Volcanic National Park
- Whiskeytown National Recreation Area – no open flames of any type are permitted


Those seeking more information on the current situation in Shasta County may refer to this list of resources. News outlets are encouraged to contact these organizations directly for updates:

Shasta-Trinity National Forest Headquarters: 530-226-2500

Shasta Lake Ranger Station: 530-275-1587

Cal Fire: [Website](https://www.fs.usda.gov) | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) | [Twitter](https://twitter.com)

Shasta County Sheriff’s Office: [Website](https://www.shastacountysheriff.com)

For fire info, call Shasta County Fire Department: 530-225-2510.

For additional information on visiting Redding, please explore [www.VisitRedding.com](http://www.VisitRedding.com), and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @VisitReddingCA or Instagram at @VisitRedding.

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About Redding, CA
Situated at the northern end of the Sacramento River Valley, Redding is the hub city in Shasta Cascade and is located two hours north of Sacramento and three hours northeast of San Francisco. As the “sunniest city in California” averaging 300+ days of sunshine a year, Redding offers outdoor adventure and attractions for every age, along with great wine, food, sporting and cultural events, dining, lodging and entertainment. The great Sacramento River runs through the center of town, helping earn Redding the fame of the “unofficial capital of kayaking” from TIME Magazine. Nearby scenic lakes, rivers, waterfalls, state and national parks, along with over 225 miles of trails make Redding a popular basecamp for exploration in the Shasta Cascade region, known as UpStateCA. Redding is conveniently located at the crossroads of I-5 and California state routes 299 and 44, and is accessible by daily flights from San Francisco and Los Angeles.

About Shasta Cascade
California’s hidden gem, the Shasta Cascade region represents 20 percent of the state’s land mass with less than 2 percent of the state’s overall population. Covering an area roughly the size of Ireland, the Shasta Cascade region is the perfect place to get enjoy the great outdoors. Comprised of eight rural counties historically known for being part of the pioneer gold rush in the mid-1800s, this majestic region of Northern California is abundantly scattered with lakes, rivers, mountains and historic mining towns, and includes Lassen Volcanic National Park, two national monuments, six national forests and seven California state parks offering unforgettable fun and adventure. This area offers a wide variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation with magnificent landscapes that include towering volcanoes, alpine ranges, and glaciers, waterfalls, lush forests, pristine lakes, and roaring rivers. Shasta Cascade is easy to get to by auto, air, or Amtrak, and offers an off-the-beaten-path experience where people discover the abundance of nature in one of the few unspoiled areas remaining in California. For more information, visit www.shastacascade.com, like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ShastaCascade, or find us on twitter www.twitter.com/ShastaCascade.

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