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Sierra Pacific Industries to close public access to California forestlands due to drought and wildfire risk

Closure to begin July 1

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Anderson, CA – Due to the extreme drought conditions and increasing risk of wildfire, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) will be closing its California forestlands to public access. This closure begins Fri., July 1, and will remain in effect until further notice.

"Despite some of the late spring rains, California is experiencing the driest conditions it has had in 1200 years," said Andrea Howell, SPI spokesman. "To help protect our forest resources and public safety, Sierra Pacific is closing our California lands to public access and recreation."

The public's use of SPI roads and walk-in access to the company's privately-owned lands will not be allowed. SPI will regularly evaluate the situation; however, it is anticipated the closure will remain in effect into Fall 2022. To learn more about the company's recreation access policies, visit http://spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess. For inquiries associated with the closure, contact the SPI California Public Recreation Hotline, 530-378-8274.

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Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation, family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. SPI owns and manages more than 2.3 million acres of timberland in California, Oregon and Washington and is one of the largest U.S. lumber manufacturers. The company also produces millwork, windows and renewable energy.