

## **Nacimiento – Fergusson Road Closed**

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Due to Road Slide Safety Concerns

GOLETA, CA, February 14, 2017... Los Padres National Forest, in cooperation with Monterey County, today announced that Nacimiento-Fergusson Road will be closed to all traffic as of 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 15, 2017, due to road slide safety concerns. Road closure barriers will be installed at the junction of South Coast Ridge Road at Nacimiento Summit and at the junction with State Highway 1. Road repair of the damaged section of road is being planned for implementation as soon as possible; however, there is no known reopening time.

Nacimineto-Fergusson Road is the only pass through from Highway 1 to Highway 101 between Carmel Valley Road and Highway 46 in San Luis Obispo County.

The closure will prohibit motorized travel on Nacimiento-Fergusson Road between South Coast Ridge Road at Nacimiento Summit and State Highway 1. Those living to the east of the Summit can still use that portion of the road to access Highway 101. Forest Service Recreation Facilities at Sand Dollar, Plaskett and Kirk Creek Campgrounds will be closed pending re-opening of State Highway 1. Access to these recreation sites by Nacimiento-Fergusson Road will not be possible during the road closure.

The public is discouraged from using Forest Service roads on the Monterey District due to unstable road conditions caused by recent storms, and the current weather forecast for significant additional rainfall.

Visitors may call the Monterey Ranger District at (831) 385-5434 or the Multi Agency Facility at Big Sur at (831) 667-2315 with questions related to road status.