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California State Parks, Monterey District Reopens Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, Garrapata State Park – Soberanes Canyon Trail, and Andrew Molera State Park to Day Use Visitors

Monterey, Calif. — California State Parks has reopened Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and Andrew Molera State Park for active recreation. Some walking trails are open, and parking is available to vehicles on a limited basis. Social distancing protocols of maintaining a 6-ft distance and wearing masks are required.

Also opened is the Soberanes Canyon Trail in Garrapata State Park –located on the east side of Highway 1. California State Parks continues to work to increase access to state park units where compliance with state and local public health ordinances can be achieved.

Due to the Dolan Fire burning across the southern region of Monterey County, California State Parks urges the public to avoid traveling to impacted areas/park units in Monterey County due to safety and health concerns for any visitors. Air quality remains poor throughout the state.

Current Park Closures

The following State Parks, including all campgrounds, day use areas, and hiking trails, are closed due to fire and/or traffic concerns on Highway 1 in the greater vicinity of the Dolan Fire:

- Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park
- John Little State Natural Reserve
- Limekiln State Park
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- Point Sur State Historic Park

California State Parks is asking for the public's cooperation at this time when our state is severely impacted by the multiple fires burning throughout the state, including fires in Monterey County and in neighboring Santa Cruz and San Benito counties. *Your assistance is appreciated!*

For additional information about the Dolan Fire, please see the below resources:

Dolan Fire

California Interagency Incident Management Team 2

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