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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit



SOQUEL DEMONSTRATION STATE FOREST



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Soquel Demonstration State Forest Reopening on Saturday, June 3

Soquel – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF) was officially closed on January 11, 2017 to protect the public safety. SDSF infrastructure suffered major storm damage over the winter. Since then, extensive repairs to the forest infrastructure was completed.

Thursday and Friday crews will be clearing fallen trees from trails and preparing the emergency landing zones for the summer season. Please continue to respect the closure until the forest is officially opened on Saturday, June 3rd.

Operations for the Meridian timber harvesting operation have begun in the area of Sawpit Trail. Dangerous conditions exist and this area is closed to the public. The closed area is posted with closed area signs and shown on maps at the SDSF informational signboards. Entering the closed area is a misdemeanor under the authority of Title 14, Section 1439, California Code of Regulations.

Later this summer, Tractor Road and Hihn's Mill Road will be used for transporting logs with log trucks affecting access to the Flow Trail. During the time of active log trucking, the Flow Trail will be closed on week days. Announcements will be posted on the CAL FIRE Soquel Demonstration State Forest Facebook page, on signboards and from our phone message updates at (831) 475-8643.

Visitors to SDSF area reminded that the forest is very remote with no drinking water available and limited toilet facilities. SDSF is open during daylight hours only. No fires of any kind are allowed. Campfires, barbecues or portable gas stoves are prohibited.

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