



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDER  
No. 651-20-002  
MODEL AIRCRAFT/UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

Whereas: The dramatic growth and popularity of UAS within the Sonoma Mendocino Coast District (SMCD) has numerous negative impacts to the special resources, park operations and the unique visitor experiences provided by the District. UAS are an emergent technology generally inconsistent with the park experience. UAS can have negative impacts on the regional wildlife found within the SMCD. UAS can be intrusive to natural soundscapes and vistas. Further, UAS can interfere with emergency rescue operations.

Therefore:

1. To protect wildlife and cultural resources and for the safety and welfare of visitors and staff, the park units in the SMCD are closed to the use of Model Aircraft. UAS and gliders in flight.
2. The District Superintendent, or designee, may grant exemptions to this order as determined necessary for the proper administration of the park and to protect the safety and welfare of its visitors, employees, wildlife and resources. All exemptions, except for emergency personnel, must be obtained in writing. Requests for exemptions may be made by contacting the District Superintendent, Sonoma Mendocino Coast District, 12301 N. Highway 1, Mendocino, CA, 95460.
3. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private, contractual and residential or property rights.
4. This order shall remain in effect until otherwise posted.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law, existing contracts or property rights previously granted.
6. This order has been posted pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 4326(a) and 4301 (i)

APPROVED:

T. L. Bertels

Terry L. Bertels  
District Superintendent  
Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

1/27/2020

Date

AUTHORITY: California Public Resources Code Section 5003 and California Code of Regulation, Title 14, and Sections 4301(i), 4326(a)

Copies of this order have been filed with the California State Parks Operations