



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
1 Bear Valley Road  
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

IN REPLY REFER TO:

## Determination of Temporary Closure

### 36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent may:

- (1). Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use activity.

<b>1. Temporary Closure Location:</b> Effective immediately and until further notice Drakes Beach Road is closed to all public access from its intersection with Sir Francis Drake to its terminus at the parking lot from 4:00pm until 10:00am daily.	
<b>2. Duration of Temporary Closure:</b> until further notice	
<b>3. Who is affected by the Temporary Closure:</b> All visitors.	
<b>4. Justification for Temporary Closure:</b> Female elephant seals have given birth on the beach in front of the Drakes Beach parking lot. This emergency closure is designed to minimize the possibility of human and elephant seal interactions on Drakes Beach. The road must remain closed when no staff or NPS volunteers are onsite to ensure the safety of visitors and seals.	
<b>5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Closure:</b> This closure is consistent with the park's Drakes Beach operations plan for winter season 2024.	
Craig Kenkel /s/* <b>Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore</b>	<b>Date:</b> January 22, 2024

\* The signed Determination of Temporary Closure is on file at park headquarters.