



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.

1. Temporary Closure Location: Effective May 21, 2019 until further notice Drakes Beach and the Drakes Beach Road at its junction with Sir Francis Drake Boulevard are closed to all public entry.	
2. Duration of Temporary Closure: Until further notice	
3. Who is affected by the Temporary Closure: All public entry	
4. Justification for Temporary Closure: This emergency closure is designed to minimize the possibility of human and elephant seal interactions on Drakes Beach. Recent storms with high tides have unexpectedly brought approximately 200 seals to the beach, making it unsafe to walk from the parking lot down to the beach.	
5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Closure	
<i>Ben Pitt</i> Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore	Date: 5/21/19