



# 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.

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| <b>1. Temporary Closure Location:</b> Effective January 19, 2021 until further notice Drakes Beach Access Road is closed from its intersection with Sir Francis Drake to its terminus at the parking lot.  |                      |
| <b>2. Duration of Temporary Closure:</b> The road will be closed daily between 5:00pm and 9:00am. It will remain closed daily Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.   |                      |
| <b>3. Who is affected by the Temporary Closure:</b> The road is closed to all visitor use, including pedestrians and bicycles.   |                      |
| <b>4. Justification for Temporary Closure:</b> This emergency closure is designed to minimize the possibility of human and elephant seal interactions on Drakes Beach. Recent high surf events and extreme high tides have brought approximately one dozen large male seals to the beach, making the beach unsafe. |                      |
| <b>5. Additional Justification/Details for Temporary Closure:</b> This closure is consistent with the park's Drakes Beach operations plan for winter season 2021.  |                      |
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| <b>Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore</b>   | <b>Date:</b> 1/19/21 |

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