



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Northern Buttes District**

**ORDER # 645-385
Date: June 10, 2022**

Model aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS or “drones”) are an emergent technology that can have a negative impact on park resources and public safety and are generally inconsistent with the park experience. Due to the dramatic growth and popularity of model aircraft and UAS, and based on concerns related to wildlife, aesthetics, visitor safety and privacy, and fire hazards, the following lands and facilities located within the Northern Buttes District are restricted as follows:

- Ahjumawi Lava Springs S.P.
- Anderson Marsh S.H.P.
- Bidwell Mansion S.H.P.
- Bidwell-Sacramento River S.P.
- Castle Crags S.P.
- Clay Pit S.V.R.A
- Clear Lake S.P.
- Colusa-Sacramento River S.R.A.
- Lake Oroville S.R.A.
- McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial S.P.
- Shasta S.H.P.
- Sutter Buttes S.P.
- Weaverville Joss House S.H.P.
- William B. Ide Adobe S.H.P.
- Woodson Bridge S.P.

Effective immediately for the safety and welfare of the public, and under the authority of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Sections 4326 and 4301(i), the following regulations regarding Drone/UAS use shall apply to all lands owned or operated as part of the parks listed above on this order:

1. No person shall launch, land or operate a powered unmanned aircraft or unmanned aerial system (UAS) within these listed state parks.

Exceptions to this order, at the discretion of the District Superintendent, **may** include:

- a. Commercial filming with applicable FAA Certificate of Authorization (COA), appropriate park unit permits and California Film Commission approval.

- b. Non-commercial use upon completion of the park unit's special use permit application and applicable FAA registration.
- c. Use by law enforcement under exigent circumstances.
- d. Scientific research with appropriate FAA registration and park unit permits.

If any exception is granted, as described above, all UAS/Drone equipment must be made available for inspection of safety compliance at the time of application.

Exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the District Superintendent of Northern Buttes District at 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.

- 2. Nothing herein shall affect any existing contracts or property rights
- 3. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.

Original Signed by:



Matt Teague
District Superintendent
Northern Buttes District

Authority:
State of California Public Resources Code Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 5003 and 5008
California Code of Regulation Title 14, Sections 4326 & 4301(i)

Copies of this order have been filed with: California State Parks, 715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814