

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
San Luis Obispo Coast District

District Superintendent's Order No. 740-2006-001

Title: Closure and Restrictions for public access to the Elephant Seal areas

Effective Date: February 1, 2006

1. In the interest of public safety and wildlife protection, the following areas are closed to visitor entry and access for the purpose of viewing Northern Elephant Seals:

From December 15 through March 31:

- Arroyo Laguna -- the beach area from the mouth of Arroyo Laguna Creek northwest to Adobe Creek, and the meadow area from the beach to the highway fence. (N 35 38.74 W121 13.45)
- Arroyo del Corral -- the beaches and dunes located southeast of Arroyo del Corral and the Piedras Blancas Motel property. (N35 40.82 W121 17.67)

All year:

- Elephant Seal Vista -- the beaches and dunes located adjacent, south, west, and north of the main elephant seal viewing boardwalk and parking area identified as Caltrans Vista Point Three. (N35 39.36 W121 15.79.)
- Piedras Blancas -- the beaches, rocky coves, and dunes located north of Caltrans Vista Point Four to the beaches southeast of Piedras Blancas Light Station. (N35 39.69 W121 16.95)

2. No person, except state and local law enforcement officers, fire suppression agencies and employees of the department in the performance of their duties, or persons adhering to any exceptions or restrictions as listed in this order shall have access to the described areas listed above.

3. Visitors are permitted to pass through the area to access the ocean for the sole purpose of participating in water-based recreational activities. This exception applies only when these visitors avoid any interaction or conflict with Northern Elephant Seals in the area.
4. Nothing herein shall affect any existing private contract or property rights.
5. Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of law.
6. Exceptions to this order may only be granted in writing by the District Superintendent, San Luis Obispo Coast District, 750 Hearst Castle Road, San Simeon, California, 93452

Nicholas Franco
District Superintendent

Date

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San Simeon Sector Superintendent

Date

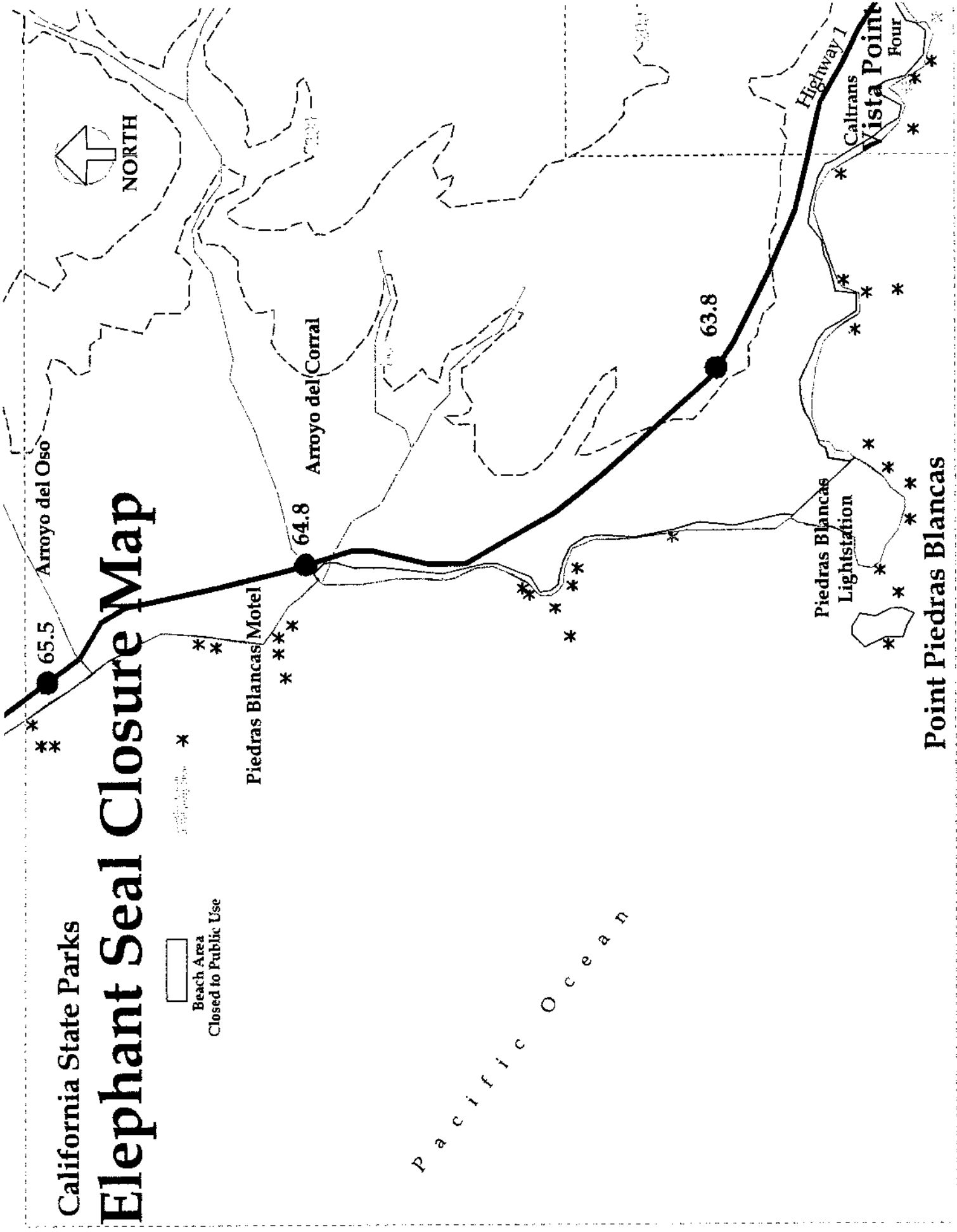
Authority: State of California Public Resources Code Section 5003 and 5008(a)
Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 4305 and 4326(a) and (b), 4301(i)
Copy of this order has been filed with the Park Stewardship Central Division Chief per CCR 4301(i).

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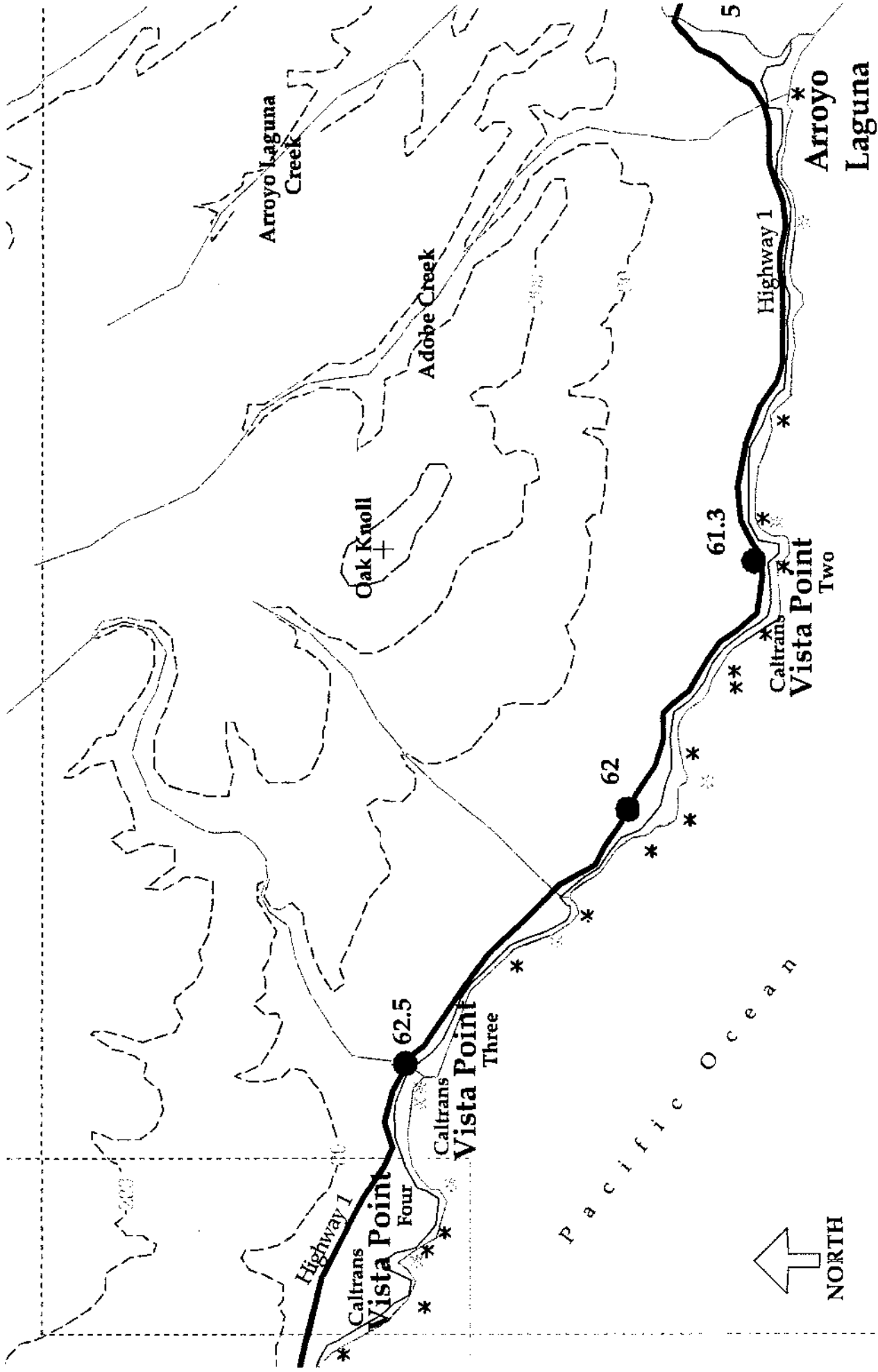
Elephant Seal Closure Map



Beach Area
Closed to Public Use



Point Piedras Blancas



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