



**Lower Pine Crest –
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Chief Dustin McClain
Parks Executive Team
Riverside County Parks Dept.

Cc: Supervisor Chuck Washington

Dear Mr. McClain-

As local residents of Idyllwild, immediately adjacent to Idyllwild County Park, we are writing to express our great concern related to the introduction of COVID-19 into our small community via visitors to the Idyllwild County Park. As you are likely aware, Idyllwild is a very small community, with extremely limited medical resources, and new cases of COVID-19 continue to develop throughout Riverside County.

The 'Stay at Home' order issued by Governor Newsom on March 20, 2020 directs all residents of California to stay in their homes, and only venture into their local communities when absolutely necessary. The Riverside County Orders of April 20 & 29 create a clear conflict with this State order.

The revised Riverside County Order of April 20 and April 29 allows for use of County parks and golf courses, with careful social distancing and usage of masks. This order undoubtedly was intended to allow residents to visit Parks in their local area- not to travel significant distances to other Parks in the County. Doing so defeats the purpose of the Stay at Home order completely, and is in violation of that order.

Surely, such a conflict was not the intent of the Parks Executive Team- and residents throughout Riverside County need to be able to use their nearby Parks at a time like this. However, clearer language needs to be inserted into the County's order to specify that residents should NOT be travelling outside of their local communities to visit Parks. Likewise, local Park management staff should be informed to ensure that visitors to Parks actually live in the local area.

We would greatly appreciate an appropriate, timely response to this matter- the health and well being of our local community is very much at risk at this time. Your reply can be sent to the email address above. Thank you.

Residents of Lower Pine Crest and Riverside County Playground Road

(Personal information omitted here)