

Fines being levied on people trespassing at Meyers Landfill



People entering the old Meyers Landfill site are being cited. The fine is \$175.

This area off Pioneer Trail in El Dorado County was closed to the public earlier this summer so a cap could be put on the toxic site.

“We issued a citation on July 26 at noon to a nearby resident [Hekpa Drive] for violating the closure. They entered the area on bikes, and were approached by one of our staff who pointed out to them that they just passed about seven closure signs and asked them to turn around and leave the area,” U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Cheva Heck said. “One rode on, the second turned around. Our staffer called our law enforcement, who responded, caught up with the one who had turned back and issued a citation. ”

The area is closed from Garbage Dump Road to Saxon Creek through the end of the year. The main landfill site and the surrounding area will remain closed for a few years to allow vegetation to re-establish.

“We are asking that people respect the closure. We don’t want to write tickets, but we will, in the interest of safety and allowing the cap construction to proceed smoothly,” Heck said.

For more information on the Meyers Landfill site, including a map of the closure, the Record of Decision and the Remedial

Design, [click here](#).

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