



# **Fresno County Sheriff's Office**

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## **Kings & San Joaquin Rivers Closed to Recreational Users**

Effective immediately, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office is closing the Kings River from Pine Flat Dam to the Tulare and Kings County lines. Additionally, The San Joaquin River is closed from Millerton Dam to the Merced County line. Sheriff John Zanoni has made this order in the best interest of public safety. This closure is permitted under the authority of Penal Code 409.5(a). The decision has been made due to continuous large amounts of rainfall and water runoff throughout the county, which is causing extremely dangerous conditions.

It is important for the public to understand that access to the river is denied until further notice. This includes all recreational activity such as: Boating, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, floating, etc. During the closure, deputies will conduct patrols and monitor activity on both rivers. Deputies will strictly enforce this closure and violators will be subject to citations. This infraction comes with a minimum fine of \$225.00.