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DATE: March 18, 2020
CONTACT: Laurie Ion, Assistant to the General Manager
FOR: Immediate Release
SUBJECT: Closure of Templeton Skate Park and Tom Jermin Sr. (Bethel) Park Playground/Playground Structure

The Templeton Community Services District, in an effort to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and encourage effective social distancing, has closed the playground at Tom Jermin Sr. (Bethel) Park and the Templeton Skate Park until further notice. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) fully supports these decisions and efforts to protect public safety. The NRPA has advised its constituents that many communities have already taken steps to close these spaces, including:

- Posting signage
- Wrapping equipment in hazard tape
- Making public service announcements
- Locking permanent fencing gates or installing temporary fencing

NRPA is in full support of these decisions and efforts to protect public safety.

Signs will be posted in English and Spanish at all affected locations. Park visitors are asked to adhere to all closure notices and current social distancing recommendations.

Templeton CSD recognizes the importance of the playground, play structure and Skate Park and what it provides to the community, especially for children and their families. But given the current situation

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and the guidance from public health officials on physical distancing, limiting in-person social interactions, avoiding spaces where people congregate in close quarters, and the concerns around transmission of the virus being spread through **surfaces, we believe that playgrounds and play structures should be** closed at this time in an effort to reduce community spread of COVID 19.

Please contact the Templeton CSD Office if you have questions concerning the Skate Park, Playground or Play Structure closures at (805) 434-4900.

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