

Order Number CA-060-2014-02
Fire Prevention Orders
Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District

It is the policy of the Bureau of Land Management to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands and resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the Bureau of Land Management will comply with 43 CFR 9212.2 requiring the BLM to establish fire prevention orders to assist with wildland fire prevention efforts throughout the geographical area. This geographical area consists of public lands within Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, and San Diego Counties.

Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et. Seq.) and pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2, the following fire prevention orders are issued:

Year-round Fire Restrictions

These restrictions shall apply to all public lands within the California Desert District regardless of stage restrictions and are applicable year round. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in Title 43 CFR 9212.1. They include:

Fireworks, Ammunition and Targets

Prohibited acts:

1. The possession or use of all fireworks, including “safe and sane”, on all public lands of the California Desert District.
2. The possession or use of any steel jacketed, steel core or armor-piercing ammunition of any caliber. This would include handgun, rifle and shotgun ammunition.
3. The possession or use of any tracer and/or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.
4. The possession or use of any explosive or incendiary device, including chemical devices.
5. The possession or use of any pyrotechnic device not listed under 2-4 above. This includes, but is not limited to, such devices as exploding or chemically reactive targets or items that are detonated when struck by a projectile such as a bullet from a firearm.
6. The use Chinese Lanterns, Floating Sky Lanterns, Fire Balloons or Acetylene Balloons.
7. During the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches, as determined by the National Weather Service (NWS), all recreational shooting and use of campfires, regardless of stage restrictions, will be temporarily suspended to reduce the potential of unintended wildland fire ignitions for the period of the event.

Pyrotechnic device: Means any device manufactured or used to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

Explosive, chemical, or incendiary device: Includes, but is not limited, to an incendiary bomb, grenade, fire bomb, chemical bomb, or similar device, which consists of or includes a breakable or non-breakable container including a flammable liquid or compound, or any breakable container which consists of, or includes a chemical mixture that explodes with fire or force and can be carried, thrown, placed, or shot with a firearm.

Chinese Lantern: A decorative collapsible lantern of thin, brightly colored paper, that once a heat source is ignited, is intended to slowly float away like a hot air balloon.

Steel Jacketed: Having a steel ferrous jacket over a non-ferrous soft metal core of the bullet

Steel Core: The core or center of the bullet is steel or other ferrous metal composition.

Tracer: A bullet that contains a chemical tracer and leaves a path of light, smoke or fire.

*It is recommended that all target shooters carry a fire extinguisher and/or shovel in the event of an unintentional fire start.

Burning

No person shall burn, ignite or cause to burn any tire, petroleum product, wires, magnesium, waste or any other hazardous or explosive materials.

Spark Arresters

All off-road vehicles being operated on public lands must be equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1(c) and California Vehicle Code 38366(a). The spark arrester must meet either the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service standard 5100-1a or the 80% efficiency level standard determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAEs) recommended practices J335 or J350.

Permits

California Public Resource Code 4433. "A person shall not light, maintain, or use a campfire upon any brush-covered land, grass-covered land, or forest-covered land which is the property of another person unless he first obtains a written permit from the owner, lessee, or agent of the owner or lessee of the property. If, however, campsites and special areas have been established by the property owner and posted as areas for camping, a permit is not necessary. A written campfire permit duly issued by or under the authority of the United States Forest Service is necessary for use on land under the jurisdiction and control of the United States Forest Service."

Campfire permits may be obtained, free of charge, at any local Field Office, Fire or Law Enforcement patrol personnel, or at any BLM Fire Station. They may also be found online at <http://www.preventwildfireca.org/>. Permits are required during Stage I, II and III restrictions. See below for permit requirements.

Seasonal Fire Restrictions

- A. Throughout the entire year all BLM managed public lands within the California Desert District will be considered to be in Stage I restrictions. Some areas that may be experiencing extreme fire danger may be elevated to Stage II or Stage III restrictions. Please check with local field offices for area restrictions.
- B. Stage restriction definitions:
 1. Stage I Restriction – Campfires, barbecues and gas stoves are allowed with a permit. All public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) shall be in Stage I restrictions. Please check with local field offices for area restrictions
 2. Stage II Restriction – Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills provided for in developed recreation sites, is prohibited. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves fueled by petroleum or LPG products are allowed by permit. Please check with local field offices for area restrictions.
 3. Stage III – Recreational/Target shooting of any type is prohibited. Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited in identified areas throughout the California Desert District. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves fueled by petroleum or LPG products are allowed only by permit. Smoking is only permitted within enclosed vehicles or camp trailers. Please check with local field offices for area restrictions.
- C. Stage I areas may be elevated on a daily basis to Stage II or Stage III during periods of extreme fire danger such as Red Flag conditions. Check with local field offices.

NOTE: All public lands within Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial Counties designated as "Direct Protection Areas" with fire suppression provided by CAL FIRE shall, at a minimum be in Stage II Fire Restrictions.

Title 43 CFR 9212.4 provides that any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations of 9212.1 of this title shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than \$1000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both. These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in Title 43 CFR 9212.1

For information regarding the restrictions call the nearest BLM Field Office Mon-Fri 8:00AM to 4:30PM

California Desert District	951-697-5200
Ridgecrest	760-384-5400
Barstow	760-252-6000
Needles	760-326-7000
Palm Springs	760-833-7100
El Centro	760-337-4400

It is the responsibility of the public to understand the Fire Prevention Orders. They are available online at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/fire/fire_restrictions.html. Fire weather forecasts are available through the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/ridge2/fire>.

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Attachment:
CDD Fire Restriction Maps



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