Due to high fire danger, fire restrictions are in effect and each of the following acts are **prohibited until further notice** on any area road or trail and on all BLM Public Lands under my jurisdiction located in the following counties: Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties.

Pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.2 (a) and (b), effective May 6, 2015, and continuing until further notice.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using open fires, campfires, or stove fires are strictly prohibited. *Lanterns and/or portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted with a valid campfire permit.*

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or at a developed recreation site, or designated fire safe area.

3. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except by special permit.

4. Using or causing to be used, any explosive, except by special permit.

5. Operating an internal combustion engine off road, except on maintained roads or trails.

6. Firing a tracer or incendiary device capable of causing a fire is prohibited on public lands.

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9212.2 (b), each of the following persons is exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local officer, or member of and organized rescue of fire fighting force in the performance of official duty.

2. Persons with special permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited area.

These restrictions are in addition to the General Wildfire Prevention Orders contained in 43 CFR 9212.1. Violations of these restrictions are punishable by a fine of not more than 1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both. Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.4.

Executed in Bakersfield, California, May 5, 2015.

/\S/ Stephen Larson

Gabriel Garcia
Bakersfield Field Office Manager