



**United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**



Notice of Temporary Emergency Closure:

**Of the Pacific Crest Trail Between the Cottonwood Trailhead and the San Bernardino National Forest in Mission Creek Canyon in
Riverside County, California**

AUTHORITY CITATION: Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will enforce the following rules on the Pacific Crest Trail in the area of the Apple Fire between the Cottonwood Trailhead near the community of San Geronio and the San Bernardino National Forest boundary in Mission Creek Canyon in Riverside County.

SUMMARY: The BLM's Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office is providing notice of the Temporary Emergency Closure which provides, in part, the Authorized Officer to close or restrict use of designated public land for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources.

On July 31, 2020, a fire started near Appletree Lane and Oak Glen Road in the Cherry Valley area of Riverside County. Fire activities are ongoing in the area of the Pacific Crest Trail. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed in the area of the Apple Fire between the Cottonwood Trailhead and the San Bernardino National Forest in Mission Creek Canyon in Riverside County, California.

For public and firefighter safety, in relation to the Apple Fire and fire management, all human travel along approximately 20.5 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail is prohibited in the area of the Apple Fire between the Cottonwood Trailhead near the community of San Geronio and the San Bernardino National Forest boundary in Mission Creek Canyon. The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area.

DATES: This temporary emergency closure is effective August 5, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

ADDRESSES: Maps showing the affected area are available for review online:
<https://www.blm.gov/office/palm-springs-south-coast-field-office>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office 1201 Bird Center Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262. Telephone: (760) 833-7100.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The affected areas described herein will be subject to the following use restrictions: Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall travel along the approximately 20.5 miles of the Pacific Crest National Trail between the Cottonwood Trailhead near the community of San Geronio and the San Bernardino National Forest boundary in Mission Creek Canyon.

EXEMPTIONS: The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

PENALTIES: 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Violation of any regulations in this part by a member of the public may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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