Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Redding Field Office CA-360-20-01

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Redding Field Office is prohibiting the following acts under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.) and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails in the Redding Field Office, starting June, 26th 2020 and continuing until further notice. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited year-round under 43 C.F.R. § 9212.1, BLM-California Fire Order CA910-2020-001, and/or certain California state laws.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, these BLM actions complement and support state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations, which apply to all BLM-managed lands within California.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

- 1. Build, maintain, attend, or use any open fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue or stove except at the following posted and designated fire use campsites: Forks of Butte Primitive Campground in Butte County, Shasta Campground and Bohemotash Primitive Campground in Chappie-Shasta OHV area, Junction City Campground, Steel Bridge Campground, and Douglas City Campground in Trinity County. Steiner Flat primitive camping area is portable stove use only no campfires or charcoal barbeque permitted. Portable stoves using gas, jelled petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are exempt from this restriction with a valid "Camp Fire Permit" available at any CALFIRE, Forest Service or BLM office, or online at: PreventWildfireCA.org.
- 2. It is illegal to operate any portable tool or device powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on Public Lands. Chainsaws with functional spark arresters used for firewood cutting will be allowed until 1:00 P.M. each day.
- 3. It is illegal to smoke, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or at a designated developed recreation site, or other designated areas.
- 4. It is illegal to possess or use a motorized vehicle off established roads or trails on public lands.
- 5. It is illegal to possess or discharge any fireworks, including "safe and sane," on all public lands.
- 6. It is illegal to possess or discharge any ammunition with a steel jacket, steel core, armor piercing, tracer, exploding type projectile, or any other incendiary type ammunition or device. Targets made of material that emit sparks or explode are prohibited. Target shooting is allowed from ½ hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. Persons engaged in target shooting shall have a shovel or a fire extinguisher available to extinguish a small fire. Nonlead ammunition is not restricted for persons hunting on BLM-managed public lands. Hunters must abide by State of California laws and regulations.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (3), the following persons are exempt from this order: Anyone with a special-use permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or any Federal, State, or local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Penalties for violating this order:

Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order, which may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984, that does not result in death, may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred may be borne by the trespasser. For questions, please call (530) 224-2100, Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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