



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF Knoxville Management Area, Berryessa Management Area, Cedar Roughts Wilderness, Cache Creek Management Area, and Scattered Tracts

August 19, 2020

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This closure is necessary to protect public land users from risks associated with active wildland fire, protect of wildland fire fighters from recreational activities associated with hunting of wild game, off-highway vehicle use, suppression repair, emergency stabilization, burned area rehabilitation and damage to recreational and natural resources.

Affected Area: This closure applies to BLM managed lands within and adjacent to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument including the Knoxville Management Area, Berryessa Management Area, Cedar Roughts Wilderness, and scattered tracts within Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties. It includes BLM lands managed by the Ukiah Field office that are south of Highway 20, including parcels in Stebbins Cold Canyon, the BLM Blue Ridge Trail, Buck Island Rafting Area, Cache Creek Ridge Trail, Cache Creek Wilderness, Cowboy Camp and the associated equestrian area, Frog Pond Trail, Highbridge Trailhead and Perkins Creek Ridge Trail. Also closed are the Cedar Roughts Wilderness, Knoxville Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, Hunting Creek Campground, North Staging Area. BLM lands along the Redbud and Judge Davis Trails are also closed.

Prohibitions: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

Supplemental Information: The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. Any federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized medical, rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
2. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties:
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Penalties: Any person who violates this may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Vehicles found in violation of this order may be removed.

Effective: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

Fred Wong

for Field Manager

August 19, 2020

Date