Fire Prevention Order

Central Coast Field Office CND-190-20-05

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.1 and 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management Central Coast Field Office is rescinding the temporary prohibition on recreational target shooting established on May 15, 2020, under CND-190-20-03. This order applies within the boundaries of the BLM Central Coast Field Office and goes into effect on November 13, 2020.

During Red Flag warnings or Fire Weather Watches, as determined by the National Weather Service, all recreational shooting will be temporarily prohibited to reduce the potential of unintended wildland fire ignitions.

Prohibitions under 43 CFR §9212.1 and year-round California Fire Order CA910-2020-001 remain in effect. This includes a year-round prohibition on fireworks or pyrotechnic devices, tracer, explosive, steel core or incendiary ammunition, explosive chemical devices or binary exploding targets.

The following acts remain prohibited under CND-190-20-03 until rescinded by the Central Coast Field Manager:

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or open flame of any kind is prohibited, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills already provided in developed recreation sites with a valid California campfire permit. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed and require a valid California campfire permit. California campfire permits are available free at all BLM, U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire offices or at www.preventwildfireca.org/Permits.
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine (*e.g.*, chainsaws, generators, ATVs) off BLM designated roads and trails. All internal combustion engines, with the exception of registered street legal vehicles, must be equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arresting device.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped/standing in a designated developed campground with a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from federal facility doors, windows and air ducts.
- The possession or operating of any welding, acetylene device or other open flame torch that uses oxygen and fuel gases to weld and cut steel or metallic components. Welding and torch definitions and direction pursuant to 43 CFR §912.2, U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1910.252(a).

Exemptions

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR §9212.2(b)(3), each of the following persons are exempt from this order:

1) Any Federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty.

2) Persons with a permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts.

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 U.S.C. 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 U.S.C. 3559, and 18 U.S.C. 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 U.S.C. 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred may be borne by the trespasser.

Additional Information

Map of current restriction area available at: https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions

Fire Prevention Orders are available online at www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions.

Fire weather forecasts are available through the National Weather Service at https://www.weather.gov/fire/.

For questions, please call (831) 582-2200, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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