



Fire Prevention Order CAD-000-2020-04

California Desert District Seasonal Fire Restrictions

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 CFR 9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed-lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails, in the public lands within the California Desert District (CDD) in Imperial, southern Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, eastern Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. This order is in addition to acts already prohibited under 43 CFR 9212.1 and Fire Prevention Order CA 910-2020-001, California Year-round Fire Restrictions.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 CFR 9212.2, these BLM actions compliment and support state and local wildfire prevention; all state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations shall apply to all BLM lands within the CDD. Additional fire restrictions may be issued within a fire prevention order and rescinded by Field Offices, as necessary.

All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD south and west of Highway 58 from the CDD western boundary to Highway 14, west of Highway 14 from its junction with Highway 58 to its junction with Highway 138, west and south of Highway 138 from its junction with Highway 14 to its junction with Highway 18, south and west of Highway 18 from its junction with Highway 138 to its junction with Highway 247, south and west of Highway 247 from its junction with Highway 18 to its junction with Highway 62, north and west of Highway 62 from its junction with Highway 247 to its junction with Interstate 10, north of Interstate 10 from its junction with Highway 62 until its junction with Highway 111, south and west of Highway 111 from its junction with Interstate 10 to its junction with Highway 86 just north of Mecca, south and west of Highway 86 from its junction of Highway 111 to the Riverside/Imperial County line, and all CDD-managed lands within San Diego County shall be **under Stage III Restrictions and all recreational target shooting is illegal** and prohibited on the above lands.

All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD south and east of Highway 178 from its junction with Highway 127 to Chicago Valley Road, south and west of Chicago Valley Road from its junction with Highway 178 to its junction with Chicago Wash, west of Chicago Wash from its junction with Chicago Road to Old Spanish Trail, north and west of Old Spanish Trail Highway from its junction Chicago Wash to Highway 127, east of Highway 127 between its junctions with Old Spanish Trail Highway and Highway 178 shall be **under Stage III Restrictions**.

All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD not in Stage III restrictions as identified above shall be **under Stage I (YEAR-ROUND) Restrictions**.

Exhibit A is the map of the Fire Restriction areas.

Stage I Restriction (YEAR-ROUND):

- The possession or use of any steel jacketed or steel core ammunition of any caliber. This would include handgun, rifle and shotgun ammunition unless a person is in possession of a valid State of California hunting license and is actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game and non-game species in accordance with current California hunting regulations, and
- During the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches, as determined by the National Weather Service (NWS), all recreational shooting and use of campfires, is temporarily suspended to reduce the potential of unintended wildland fire ignitions for the period of the event.

Stage II Restriction:

- All the restriction in Stage I above, and
- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills provided for in developed recreation sites, or campfires within the Imperial County Special Recreation Management Areas 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, and Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped or standing in a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from federal facility doors, windows, and air ducts.

Stage III Restriction:

- All the restrictions in Stage I above, and
- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with *shut-off* valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit, and
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer unless prohibited by State or local laws.

Ammunition Definitions

Steel Jacketed: Having a steel ferrous jacket over a non-ferrous soft metal core of the bullet.

Steel Core: The core or center of the bullet is steel or other ferrous metal composition.

It is recommended that all target shooters carry a fire extinguisher and/or shovel.

Duration of this Order

This order begins on October 13, 2020 at 00:01 A.M. and ends on December 31, 2020 at 23:59 P.M. unless terminated sooner.

Termination of Previous Fire Restrictions Order

Pursuant to **43 CFR 9212.2**, the prohibition(s) listed in Fire Restriction Order No. CAD-000-2020-01, applicable to the CDD, issued on the 29th day of April 2020 is hereby terminated on the 13th day of October 2020 at 00:01 AM.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- a. Persons with a valid permit from BLM or contract with the BLM that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. 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 Information Regarding the Restrictions, call the nearest BLM field office Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

California Desert District	(951) 697-5200	Ridgecrest	(760) 384-5400
Barstow	(760) 252-6000	Needles	(760) 326-7000
Palm Springs	(760) 833-7100	El Centro	(760) 337-4400

California Campfire Permits are available at: www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire Permits.

Maps of current restrictions are available at:

www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=a330d77fe184408ab7c3b9a8035c37fb

Fire Prevention Orders are available 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/>

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