



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

# Fire Prevention Order

Central California District

CA- CAC01000-20-01

Due to dry conditions, high fire danger, and a shortage of firefighting resources, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central California District is amending the following Fire Orders (Bakersfield CAC06000-20-2, Bishop CA170-2020-01, Central Coast CND-190-20-03, Mother Lode CND-20-04, Ukiah CAC05000-20-01, Statewide CA910-2020-001) to prohibit all uses of open flame on public lands managed by the Central California District. This order is issued under the authority of **the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et. seq.)** and pursuant to **43 CFR §9212.2**. This open flame prohibition is in effect starting Sept. 8, 2020 until further notice. All other provisions of previous Fire Orders remain in effect until further notice.

## Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, charcoal BBQ, portable stoves, or open flame of any kind is prohibited including within established campground.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped/standing in an open 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).
- Possessing, discharging, using or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices.
- Shooting, igniting or causing to burn; explosives or explosive material, including binary explosive targets.
- All recreational target shooting.
  - except with a valid State of California hunting license and being actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game and non-game species in accordance with current California hunting regulations.

## Exemptions:

Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, 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 firefighting 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.

## Additional Information

An interactive map of current restrictions and Fire Prevention Orders are available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions>.

This Fire Prevention Order is effective 12:01 PM, on the 8th day of September 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

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Chris Heppe, BLM Central California District Manager, September 8, 2020