



Fire Prevention Order

Bishop Field Office

Order Number CA170-2020-02

Effective November 1, 2020

Due to extended dry conditions and continued high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop 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 the Code of Federal Regulations (43 C.F.R. § 9212.2) on BLM-managed public lands within the boundaries of the Bishop Field Office, starting November 1, 2020, and remaining in effect until rescinded by the Bishop Field Manager. This order extends the seasonal fire restrictions issued under BLM-Bishop Field Office Fire Order CA170-2020-01 which were previously scheduled to expire. This order is also 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- To operate or cause to be operated any OHV, portable tool or device powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on Public Lands.
- 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).
- The possessing or using of any steel-jacketed or steel core ammunition of any caliber without 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 43 C.F.R. § 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.

Duration of this Order

This order begins on November 1, 2020 at 12:01 A.M. and shall remain in effect until rescinded and thereby terminated by the Bishop Field Manager.

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 face 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

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

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For questions or further information regarding these fire restrictions, please call the Bishop Field Office at 760-872-5000, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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