



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

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE SLINK FIRE BURNED AREA

October 20, 2020

Action: Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), as amended, and pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 9268.3, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This closure is necessary to protect public land visitors from risks associated with remaining hotspots and other hazards within the area recently burned by the Slink Fire. This closure is also needed to protect wildland firefighters and other personnel from activities that could interfere with remaining fire suppression efforts and ongoing suppression repair, emergency stabilization, and burned area rehabilitation activities. The temporary emergency closure of public lands affected by the Slink Fire issued on September 3, 2020, is also hereby revoked.

Affected Area: This closure applies to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office located within the perimeter of the Slink Fire in Mono County, California. The closure area includes public lands within the fire perimeter located north of Mill Creek, west of U.S. Highway 395, south of State Highway 89, and east of the Alpine County line in Little Antelope Valley and the southern portion of Slinkard Valley.

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 at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, and will remain in effect until 12:01 AM on January 01, 2020 or until rescinded, whichever comes first.

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 at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Signed by:

Bishop Field Manager

10/20/2020
Date