



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

# EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

## Bureau of Land Management California

### EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF the Certain Lands South of Campo Road in the Smith Canyon area in San Diego County, California

September 22, 2020

**Action:** Pursuant to Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)), 43 CFR 9268.3(d) and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective September 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access and entry. This closure is for public safety in relation to operations, which include the use of heavy equipment and explosives, being conducted for construction of the barrier along the United States and Mexico Border.

**Affected Area:** The approximately 850-acre area which encompasses portions of Smith Canyon and approximately 4,000 feet on either side of Smith Canyon, south of Campo, California (see attached map) within San Bernardino Meridian:

T. 18 S., R. 5 E.,

sec. 13, S1/2SW1/4 and S1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 23, lots 4, 5, and 9;  
sec.24.

T. 18 S., R. 6 E.,

sec.18, lot 7, S1/2SW1/3, and S1/2SE1/4;  
sec. 19, lots 1 thru 9 and S1/2NE1/4.

**Prohibitions:** For public safety, in relation to the heavy equipment use and blasting operations associated with the construction of the barrier along the United States and Mexico Border, all human entry within the 850 acre area that encompasses portions of Smith Canyon near the United States and Mexico Border is prohibited.

**Dates:** This closure is effective beginning at 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2020 and will remain in effect until 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2020, at such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

**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.
2. Individuals involved in the construction and or support of the construction of the barrier.
3. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.
4. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

**Penalties:** Any person who violates this Order 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 beginning at 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2020 through 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2020

Signed by:

**JEREMIAH KARUZAS** Digitally signed by JEREMIAH  
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September 22, 2020

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Acting Field Manager

Date