



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

# Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Arcata Field Office

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Due to dry conditions and high fire danger the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office is prohibiting the following acts on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails 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 C.F.R. §9212.2: This order becomes effective June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and continues until further notice. This BLM order complements and supports state and local wildfire prevention and public safety laws and regulations. It adds 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 that apply to all BLM-managed lands within California.

## Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

### Campfire/Cooking fire

- 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**. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed in all locations with a valid California campfire permit available at any CALFIRE, Forest Service or BLM office, or online at: [PreventWildfireCA.org](http://PreventWildfireCA.org).

### Smoking

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, at a designated developed recreation site or other designated areas.

### Fireworks

- Possessing or discharging fireworks, including California Fire Marshal-approved "safe and sane" fireworks. An exemption is in place for July 4<sup>th</sup> only, when state fire marshal-approved fireworks can be used within designated areas at Samoa Dunes Recreation Area.

### Internal Combustion Engine

- Operating any portable tool or device powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on Public Lands. Chainsaws with functional spark arresters used for firewood cutting will be allowed until 1:00 P.M. each day.
- Using motorized vehicles off established roads or trails on public lands.
  - Exemptions: Motorized vehicles are allowed the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area, and along the wave slope of the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area, South Spit Humboldt Bay.

## **Firearms**

- Using incendiary, tracer, steel core, exploding, or armor-piercing ammunition.
- Using targets made of materials that emit sparks or explode.

Persons engaged in target shooting shall have a shovel or a fire extinguisher available to extinguish a small fire.

Target shooting is allowed from ½ hour before sunrise until noon daily.

## **Exemptions:**

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

- Persons with a valid State of California hunting license actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game/non-game species in accordance with the current hunting season.
- Anyone with a special-use permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or any Federal, state, local officer, contracted operator, 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. Under the Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984, an offense 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.

Fire Prevention Orders are available online at [www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions](http://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions).

The area, roads, and trails affected by this order are all BLM-managed Public Lands within the boundaries of the Arcata Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, and Trinity counties. For more information regarding these prevention orders you can call the Arcata Field Office at 707-825-2300.

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