



Fire Prevention Order CAD-060-2021-01 (Whitewater Fire Closure) California Desert District, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office

In compliance with **Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.2** and to prevent wildfire during severe burning conditions, the following acts are prohibited on public lands in Whitewater Canyon within the Bureau of Land Management's Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office jurisdiction beginning July 2, 2021, at 00:01 A.M. and continuing until October 31, 2021, at 11:59 P.M.

The public lands, within the area described as the "Whitewater Canyon Fire Closure Area" and located within: Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Sections 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35 and Township 3 South, Range 3 East, Sections 2, 11 and 12, San Bernardino Base and Meridian are closed.

The following is prohibited on federal lands unless otherwise noted:

1. It is illegal to enter and be upon public lands that are described and identified as the "Whitewater Canyon Fire Closure Area" as described above, and identified on the attached map, made part of this order. Violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. (**Title 43, CFR §9212.4**)

Exemptions

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

- a. Persons with a permit from or contract with the BLM that allowing them access to these lands.
- b. Persons using the Whitewater Canyon Road as a means of accessing the Whitewater Preserve operated by the Wildlands Conservancy.
- c. Owners or lessees of land in the area for the purpose of accessing that land.
- d. Residents in the area for the purpose of accessing their residence.
- e. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area requiring passage thru or upon BLM land in order to conduct such business, trade or occupation.
- f. Any Federal, State, or local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- g. Hikers utilizing the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and specified connector trails when in compliance with all other applicable fire restrictions and orders.
- h. **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 seasons.**

For more information call the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at: (760) 833-7100.

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