



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

# Fire Prevention Order

## Northern California District, Arcata Field Office CA-330-21-02

Due to dry conditions, high fire danger, and a shortage of firefighting resources, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field is amending Fire Order CA-330-20-01 to prohibit all uses of open flame on public lands managed by the Arcata Field Office. This order is issued under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to 43 CFR §9212.2. This open flame prohibition is in effect starting Aug. 11, 2021 until further notice. All other provisions of Fire Order CA-330-21-01 remain in effect until further notice.

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:

#### Campfire/Cooking fire - Stoves

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, charcoal BBQ, portable stoves, or **any open flame of any kind is prohibited** including within established campgrounds, wilderness areas, and dispersed camping sites.

#### Smoking

- 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.

#### Fireworks

- Possessing, discharging, using, or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices.

#### Internal Combustion Engine

- 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. An exemption is in place for the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and along the waveslope of the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area, South Spit Humboldt Bay.

#### Firearms

- Recreational target shooting in all locations.

#### Exemptions:

Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, the following persons are exempt from this order: **Anyone with a special-use permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or any Federal, State, or local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting 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 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 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.

**Additional Information**

An interactive map of current restrictions and Fire Prevention Orders are available at:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions>.

This Fire Prevention Order is effective 12:01 AM, on the 11th day of August 2021 and will remain in effect until further notice.

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

Done at Arcata, California, on the 11th day of August 2021.



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