



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

# EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF The Keysville Special Recreation Management Area

August 19, 2021

**Action:** Pursuant to Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1 to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This closure is for public and firefighter safety in relation to the French Fire and management of that fire.

**Affected Area:** Keysville Special Recreation Management Area. It is approximately 10,915 acres and located North of the town of Lake Isabella, CA, from the junction of Hwy 178 and Hwy 155 to Elizabeth Norris Rd and Hwy 155. The recreation area is in Kern County.

**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 immediately and will remain in effect until 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, 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 immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

---

Field Manager

Date