



Fire Prevention Order

Mother Lode Field Office

Due to increased wildland fire danger, **Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all BLM-managed public lands within the Mother Lode Field Office jurisdiction in Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne and Yuba counties. In compliance with **Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.2**, the following acts are **prohibited** beginning June 14, 2019, and continuing until further notice:

- Dispersed campfires, barbeques and open flames, unless within a campfire ring in a designated developed recreation site.
- Target shooting. Persons hunting during open season for a game bird or mammal, as specified by State of California laws with a valid California hunting license in their possession, may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal using non-lead ammunition required by California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.
- Tools powered by internal combustion engines.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or developed campground or trailhead.
- Motorized vehicles traveling or parking off established roads or trails.
- Fireworks.

Only the following shall be exempt from the restrictions and closure of this order:

I. Persons with written authorization specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts.

II. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Penalties

I. In accordance with the penalty provisions in 43 CFR 9212.4 any violation of this order is a class A misdemeanor. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this Fire Prevention Order, upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

II. Civil and administrative penalties may also be assessed for damages to public lands, government property and facilities, along with suppression costs associated with fire suppression efforts.

III. Any instrumentality or evidence of an offense involved in, or used, or intended to be used in any violation of this order shall be subject to seizure, forfeiture and disposal.

For questions, please call (916) 941-3101, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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