



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

Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Applegate Field Office

CA-320-20-01

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Applegate Field Office is prohibiting the following acts 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**, the following acts are prohibited on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails in the Applegate Field Office starting Saturday, August 1st, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. (local time) until further notice.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with **43 CFR 9212.2** these BLM actions complement and support the year-round **BLM California Fire Order CA910-2020-001**, and state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations which shall apply to all BLM-managed Public Lands within the Applegate Field Office boundaries.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

- Building, attending, maintaining, or using any open fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or coal or wood stove. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed and require a valid California Campfire Permit (<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>).
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped or standing in a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from federal facility doors, windows, and air ducts.
- Operating or using any portable tool or device powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on Public Lands. Chainsaws with approved spark arresters may be used off designated roads and trails for personal use firewood cutting until 1 p.m. daily.
- Possessing or operating any welding, acetylene device, or other open flame torch that uses oxygen and fuel gases to weld and cut steel or metallic components.
- Possessing or discharging any fireworks, including “safe and sane,” on any Public Lands.
- Possessing, using, or discharging any incendiary, tracer, steel component (core or jacketed), or armor piercing ammunition of any caliber while target shooting, or using any exploding targets or targets made of materials that could explode or emit sparks and cause a wildfire. Persons hunting during open season for a game bird or mammal as specified by state laws with a valid state hunting license in their possession may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.

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

A 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>.

For information regarding the restrictions, call the Applegate Field Office at (530) 233-4666, Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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