



Fire Prevention Order

California Desert District

Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office

Order Number CAD-060-2019-01 (Whitewater Fire Closure)

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 (BLM) Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office jurisdiction beginning June 28, 2019 and continuing until further notice.

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 "Fire Closure Area" in Exhibits A and B, attached to and made part of this order. Exhibits A and B are the map and legal description of the Fire Closure Area, respectively. Violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 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 specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- 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 other person meeting exemption or requirements specified in the order.
- g. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
- h. Any Federal, State, or local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- i. Hikers utilizing the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and specified connector trails when in compliance with all other applicable fire restrictions and orders.
- j. **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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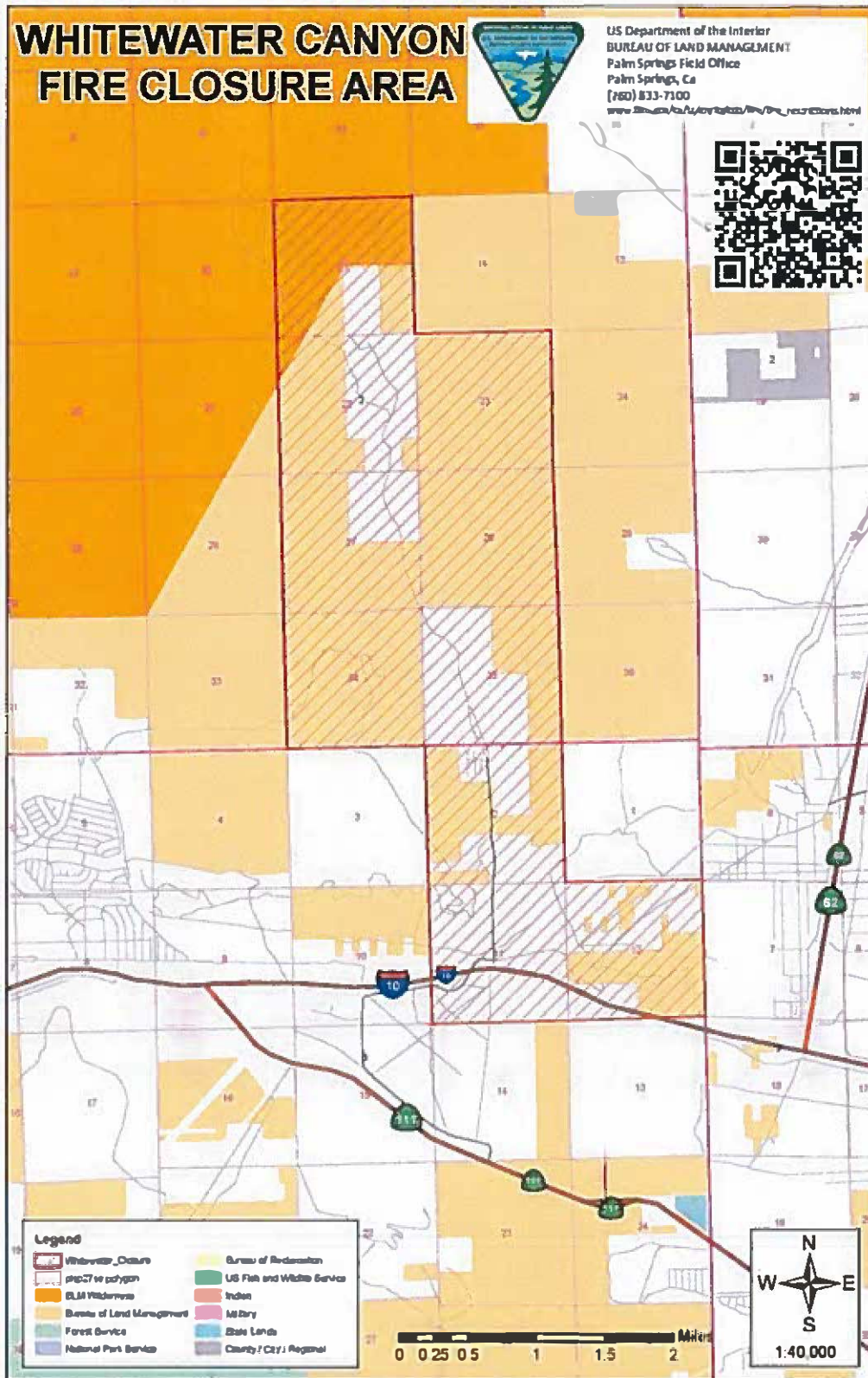
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Date

"EXHIBIT A"

Order No. CA-060-2019-01-Whitewater



“EXHIBIT B”

Description of Fire Restriction Areas

The public lands, within the are described as the Whitewater Canyon area and located within: Township 2 South, Range 3 East, Sections 15, 22, 23, 26, 34 and 35 and Township 3 South, Range 3 East, Sections 2, 11 and 12, San Bernardino Base and Meridian. This order closes approximately 4,234 acres of public lands.