

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
FILLMORE FIELD OFFICE  
WEST DESERT DISTRICT**

**Emergency Closure of Selected Public Lands in portions of Juab County, Utah**

**Action:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d) and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that the White Sands Campground located on public lands west of Nephi, Utah, within the Little Sahara Recreation Area, as described below, are temporarily closed to all forms of public access, effective immediately. On August 18, 2021 major flooding occurred after a significant weather event which resulted in over 2 inches of rainfall. The flooding damaged roads in and near White Sands Campground causing a public health and safety issue until the BLM can repair the damaged access roads.

**Affected Area:** Public lands affected by this closure of the White Sands Campground within the Little Sahara Recreation Area are described as follows:

Lands north of the Little Sahara Recreation Area Road, the primary Little Sahara Recreation Area road in the Salt Lake Meridian, Utah as described below:

T.12 S., R.4 W.

Sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 28, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Secs. 30-33, inclusive;

Sec. 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 13 S., R. 4 W.

Secs. 4, N  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5 N  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5 N  $\frac{1}{2}$

At the junction of Sand Mountain Road, the primary Little Sahara Recreation Area road and the White Sands Campground Road, along with White Sands Campground.

The area described contains approximately 900 acres in Juab County, Utah.

**Prohibitions:**

1. You must not enter the closure area.
2. All recreation vehicle use and camping is prohibited within the White Sands Campground area.

**Dates:** This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such a time conditions allow for safe use of the flood damaged area. The public may continue to enjoy other locations within the recreation area and on BLM managed public lands in other areas within the West Desert District.

**Supplemental Information:** Under 43 CFR 9268.3, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the following are exempt from the provisions of this order:

- a. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
- b. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
- c. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties;
- d. Additional persons may be allowed but must carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer, West Desert District.

**Addresses:** The closure notice and the White Sands Campground Closure map of the closure area will be posted at the BLM Fillmore Field Office at 95 East 500 North Fillmore, Utah and the West Desert District Office, 2370 South Decker Lake BLVD, West Valley City, Utah, and in the vicinity of the Little Sahara Recreation Area. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs and/or physical barriers to notify the public of the closure.

**Penalties:** On all public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1733(a), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 9262.1, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules, closures or restrictions on public lands of this order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to enhancement fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571 (not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months).



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Date