



# EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

## Bureau of Land Management California

### TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE SANTA ANA WASH

December 9, 2022

**ACTION:** Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C 1701 *et seq.*) as amended and pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This closure is necessary to protect public land visitors from risks associated with the removal of recently discovered hazardous wastes on site. The closure is also needed to protect the environmental professionals and other personnel from activities that could interfere with the safe cleanup, disposal, and verification activities necessary to ensure the site has been adequately remediated and is safe for public entry.

**AFFECTED AREA:** The closure applies to public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management Palm Springs-South Coast Field office located in the Santa Ana Wash within the city limits of the City of Redlands, California. The closure area includes several parcels within the wash as described below and on the attached map.

T. 1 S., R. 3 W.,  
sec. 10, S1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4SW1/3, S1/2NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, and S1/4SE1/4.

**PROHIBITIONS:** For public safety, in relation to the removal of hazardous wastes recently identified, all human entry within the area that encompasses the public lands within the Santa Ana Wash east and west of Orange Street.

**DATES:** This closure is effective beginning at 6:00 a.m. on December 12, 2022 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on February 10, 2023. If site conditions allow for public entry prior to that date, a notice lifting this order will be issued by the BLM.

**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.
2. Individuals involved in the environmental cleanup and remediation.
3. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.

4. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

**PENALTIES:** Any person who violates this Order 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 beginning at 6:00 a.m. on December 12, 2022 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on February 10, 2023.

Signed by:

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For Timothy D. Gilloon  
Field Manager

**12.9.2022**

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