



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

# TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

## TEMPORARY MOTORIZED VEHICLE CLOSURE OF Clear Creek Road

January 25, 2023

**Action:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective January 26, 2023, Clear Creek Road, will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicle use. This closure is necessary to protect public health and safety; and prevent excessive erosion.

During recent storms, a portion of Clear Creek Road was severely damaged near the entrance to the BLM-administered Clear Creek Management Area. Approximately 150-yards of Clear Creek Road was washed away by high stream water in the Clear Creek Canyon area. Clear Creek Road is the only designated open route for the public access through Clear Creek Canyon. Two popular BLM-managed campgrounds (Oak Flat and Jade Mill) are no longer accessible, so the closure to motorized use is needed to prevent risks to public safety and excessive erosion from vehicle use on the washed-out portion of Clear Creek Road until repairs are completed.

**Affected Area:** This closure applies to the BLM-administered portion of Clear Creek Road from the San Benito River crossing at Coalinga-Los Gatos Road up to Jade Mill Campground in San Benito County, California.

**Prohibitions:** The public must not drive motorized vehicles within this area during the temporary closure.

**Dates:** This closure is effective at 7:00 AM on Thursday, January 26, 2023, and will remain in effect for approximately 180 days. When field observations indicate Clear Creek Road can support passenger vehicles, the temporary closure will be rescinded.

**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, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
2. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties:
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

**Penalties:** Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this order shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or both. Vehicles found in violation of this order may be removed.

**Effective:** This Order is effective at 7:00 AM on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Signed by:

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Field Manager

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