



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

IN SERPENTINE AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

March 8, 2023

Action: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that the temporary closure signed January 25, 2023, is being rescinded. Effective immediately, this closure order allows motorized access on Clear Creek Road to Oak Flat and Jade Mill campgrounds in San Benito County while continuing to temporarily restrict access beyond Jade Mill Campground for public health and safety; and to prevent excessive erosion while BLM repairs storm damage.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective March 8, 2023, Clear Creek Road, will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicle use beyond the Jade Mill Campground entering the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This closure is necessary to protect public health and safety; and prevent excessive erosion.

Affected Area: This closure applies to the BLM-administered portion of Clear Creek Road entering the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) 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 Wednesday, March 8, 2023. BLM anticipates repairs to damaged culverts and stream crossings to be completed in April. When repairs are complete, the temporary closure will be rescinded.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 Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Signed by:

BENJAMIN HOKE

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Field Manager

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