



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

Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Arcata Field Office

CA-330-23-01

Due to dry conditions and fire danger the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office is prohibiting the following acts on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.) and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, starting July 3rd, 2023, and continuing until further notice. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited year-round under 43 C.F.R. § 9212.1, BLM-California Fire Order CA910-2020-001, and/or certain California state laws.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, these BLM actions complement and support state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations, which apply to all BLM-managed lands within California.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

Campfire/Cooking fire

- Setting, building, attending, maintaining, or using a campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove outside of an agency provided metal fire pit or grill in a developed recreation site is prohibited. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed in all locations with a valid California campfire permit available at any CALFIRE, Forest Service or BLM office, or online at: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>.

Smoking

- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, at a designated developed recreation site or other designated areas.

Fireworks

- To possess or discharge fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks. An exemption is in place for July 4th when State Fire Marshall-approved fireworks can be used within designated areas at Samoa Dunes Recreation Area. The exemption from the restrictions is for July 4, 2023 only.

Internal Combustion Engine

- It is illegal to operate any portable tool or device powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on Public Lands. Chainsaws with functional spark arresters used for firewood cutting will be allowed until 1:00 P.M. each day.
- It is illegal to use a motorized vehicle off established roads or trails on public lands.
 - Exemptions: Approved for use in the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area, and along the waveslope of the Mike Thompson Wildlife Area, South Spit Humboldt Bay.

Firearms

- Target shooting is allowed from ½ hour before sunrise until **12:00 noon**.

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- Exemptions - Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, the following persons are exempt from the shooting timing restriction in this order:
 - a. Persons with a valid State of California hunting license may shoot when actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of Game/Non-Game species in accordance with the current hunting season.
- Possess or discharge a firearm using incendiary, tracer, steel core, exploding, or armor piercing ammunition.
- Targets made of material that emit sparks or explode are prohibited.
- Persons engaged in target shooting shall have a shovel or a fire extinguisher available to extinguish a small fire.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 (3), the following persons are exempt from this order: Anyone with a special-use permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or any Federal, State, local Officer, contracted Operator, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Penalties for violating this order:


Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order, which may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA , 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984, that does not result in death, may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred may be borne by the trespasser.

Fire Prevention Orders are available online at www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions.

Fire weather forecasts are available through the National Weather Service at, <https://www.weather.gov/fire/>

The area, roads, and trails affected by this order are all BLM Public Lands within the boundaries of the Arcata Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, and Trinity counties. For more information regarding these prevention orders you can call the Arcata Field Office at 707-825-2300.

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