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Avi Kwa Ame National Monument

September 2023 Update

National Public Lands Day at Walking Box Ranch

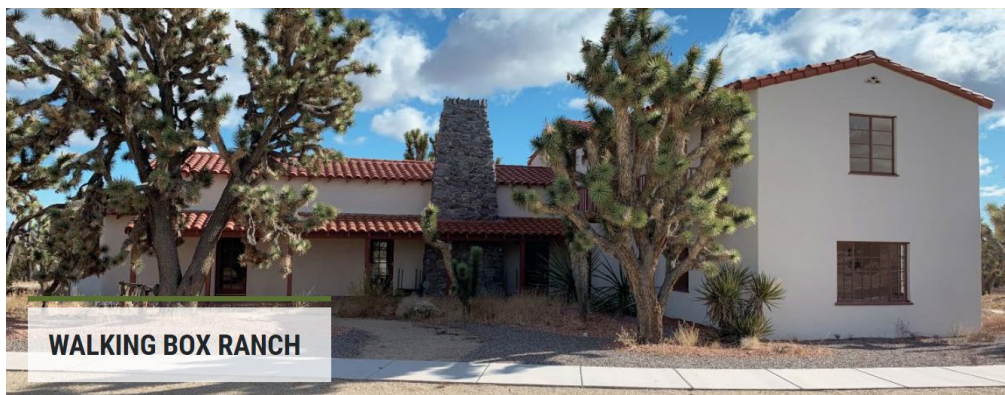
On September 23, BLM will host a volunteer clean-up at Walking Box Ranch as part of National Public Lands Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers will clean-up the area including weed removal and landscape maintenance.

To sign-up, please visit <https://www.volunteer.gov/s/volunteer-opportunity/a093d00000vY9XAAU/national-public-lands-day-at-avi-kwa-ame-national-monument>

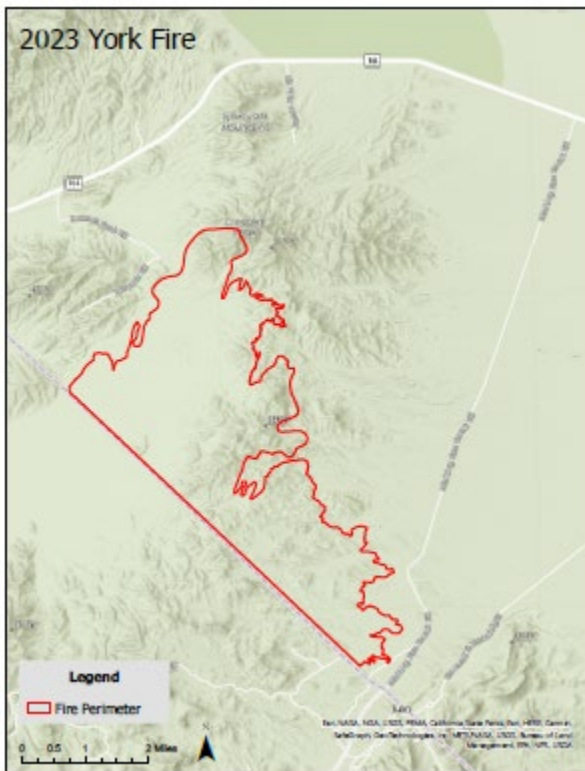


Walking Box Ranch currently closed

As a reminder, tours of Walking Box Ranch and access to the ranch house are currently not available. BLM continues evaluating options for repairs/restoration to the ranch house from damage caused by earthquakes and normal wear as well as repairs to the barn from damage caused by high wind events. This site is monitored by Federal Law Enforcement and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department personnel along with various volunteer site stewards.



York Fire Impacts Avi Kwa Ame National Monument



On July 28, the York Fire originated on a private land within the Mojave National Preserve and later spread into Nevada and the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument. When it was fully suppressed, 8,250 acres on BLM managed public land within the monument's 506,814 acres was burned.

An Emergency Stabilizations and Rehabilitation Plan is being prepared for the burn area and encouragingly little damage was seen with precipitation associated with Tropical Storm Hillary when it came through the area in mid-August. Post-fire efforts will continue over the next five years in this area including signage and barriers, increased patrols, invasive weed monitoring and treatment, invasive annual grass control and Joshua Tree woodland restoration.

We ask that you do your part by staying on well-established roads and avoid hiking or driving in the burned areas. This will allow rehabilitation efforts to take a better hold and reduce the spread of invasive plants such as cheatgrass, red brome and puncturevine.



Withdrawn applications

8 Minute Energy withdrew its application for the proposed Angora Solar Project on 2,816 acres within the monument.

Crescent Peak Renewables, LLC withdrew its application for the proposed Kulning Wind Energy Project wind energy generation plant and 29-mile transmission line located on 9,264 acres within the monument.

Questions?

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