



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

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

EMERGENCY CLOSURE Lifted for BLM Lands Associated with the SQF Lightning Fire

August 13, 2024

Action: Effective August 13, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management is rescinding the emergency closure of BLM Lands associated with the Lightning Fire. Once rescinded all public lands described below will be open to the public. This closure was in place for public and firefighter safety in relation to the SQF Lightning Fire and management of that fire.

Affected Area: All BLM lands south of Sherman Pass Rd, west of Canebrake, north of Highway 178, and the boundary with Sequoia National Forest. Chimney Creek Campground and a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail in the lands described. (Long Valley Loop Road and Long Valley Campground will remain closed under a separate order). This area is in Tulare County, CA.

Prohibitions: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

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 violates this 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 immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

Field Manager

Date

