



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

TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BLM ROADS EAST OF U.S. 395 NEAR ATOLIA, CA

February 24, 2025

Office: Ridgecrest Field Office, California Desert District, California

Action: Road closure to all forms of public access near Red Mountain Wash

Summary: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the roads on public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access.

The closure order is for certain BLM roads in the vicinity of Red Mountain and Atolia, CA, within the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office. Specific roads closed include: **RM207** between Highway 395 and RM50, **RM98** between RM50 and RM255, **RM1555** between WEMO ID 86759 and WEMO ID 89064. This area is within the Red Mountain Subregion of San Bernardino County. The public must not use the closed roads. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Exemptions.

Rationale: Pursuant to Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1 to 43 CFR 9268.3. This closure is for public and contractor safety in relation to the Red Mountain Wash hazardous material removal, which was developed and approved as a comprehensive environmental response under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act authority. Conditions at the site meet the Section 300.415(b)(2) criteria for removal as a Non-Time Critical Removal Action.

Exemptions: This order does not apply to:

1. Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties.
2. Members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties.
3. Persons with written authorization from the BLM. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the BLM Authorized Officer.
4. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Location: Red Mountain and Atolia, CA, [see map](#).

Dates: The closure will begin at 6 a.m. on February 26, 2025, through 5 p.m. on April 18, 2025.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: Electronically posted to BLM Ridgecrest Field Office web page and social media for BLM CA. Physically posted at the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office.

Penalties: Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with [18 U.S.C. 3571](#), imprisoned no more than 12 months under [43 U.S.C. 1733\(a\)](#) and [43 CFR 8360.0-7](#), or both. In accordance with [43 CFR 8365.1-7](#), State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

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