Bureau of Land Management
Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order

OFFICE: Bishop Field Office, Central California District, California

ACTION: Ceremonial Closure of the Travertine Area of Critical Environmental Concern

SUMMARY: The Travertine Hot Springs will be temporarily closed for ceremonial use by a local Tribe. The closure will begin at 12pm on Monday March 17, 2025, and will end at 12pm on Sunday March 23, 2025. The public lands described in this order are closed to all forms of public access including but not limited to vehicular, pedestrian, and camping activities. The closure area will begin at the existing gate near the junction of the access road to the Hot Springs and Jack Sawyer Road and include any other roads and trails that provide access to the Hot Springs.

The gate on the access road to the Hot Springs will be locked. All access points will be signed with the closure order.

RATIONALE: This order is consistent with 43 CFR 8364.1, which provides for issuance of temporary closure orders on public lands to protect Tribal cultural practices. It is also consistent with the Bishop Resource Management Plan (1993) and the Travertine ACEC Management Plan (1995). This action is covered by categorical exclusion: DOI-BLM-CA-C070-2025-0003-CX.

EXEMPTIONS: This order does not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

This order does not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the event, or activities conducted under an approved plan of operations or permit. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the authorized officer.

The order does not apply to attendees of the event.

LOCATION: Travertine Hot Springs ACEC. Bridgeport, CA. The public can review the map for the full closure area.

DATES: The closure will begin at 12pm on Monday March 17, 2025, and will end at 12pm on Monday March 23, 2025.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: Electronically posted to BLM Bishop Field Office website. Physically posted at the Bishop Field Office, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Bridgeport Ranger District, locations in the town of Bridgeport, and on site at the kiosk.

ENFORCEMENT AND 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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