

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF BLM LANDS near the Nopah Fire

March 13, 2025

Action: 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 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access until the burn area has recovered.

Affected Area: The closure order is for select BLM-managed lands in San Bernardino County within the BLM Barstow Field Office. The affected land area is enclosed by the following boundaries: In the Nopah Fire burn area north of Tecopa Hot Springs Road between Hwy 127 and Furnace Creek Road as shown on the closure maps. The closure area is located in T21N R7E Section 28.

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:

- 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.
- 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:

MARC STAMER Digitally signed by MARC STAMER Date: 2025.03.12 13:19:50 -07'00'

March 12, 2025

Field Manager Date