

## **EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER**

## Bureau of Land Management California

## EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF VEHICLE ACCESS TO BIG BAR DAY USE RIVER ACCESS AREA ON THE MOKELUMNE RIVER

**APRIL 23, 2025** 

OFFICE: Mother Lode FO, Central California District, California

**ACTION:** Vehicle Restriction - Temporary closer to vehicle access to Big Bar Day Use River Access Area on the Mokelumne River due to current staffing levels.

**SUMMARY:** Vehicle Restriction - Gates closed for vehicle access to Big Bar Day Use River Access Area on the Mokelumne River at State Highway 49. The bathroom will be open during the site closure and limited parking is available along the highway. No changes to dawn to dusk closure (no camping).

**RATIONALE:** In order is to protect people, property and public lands, 43 CFR 8364.1(a) vehicle access will be restricted.

**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. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the authorized officer.

**LOCATION:** Big Bar River Access, 38.31168677700054, -120.72105154605084, Calaveras County, CA

**DATES**: April 23, 2025, to October 15, 2025

**NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS**: Posted restriction notice at kiosk at Big Bar Day Use Area prior to gate closure and on gates during the closure. Posted on BLM website at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/office/mother-lode-field-office">https://www.blm.gov/office/mother-lode-field-office</a>.

**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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Noah Triplett, ntriplett@blm.gov, 916-941-3122

**Effective:** This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

**JEFFREY HORN** 

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Field Manager

Date