PUBLIC LAND CLOSURE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT COLORADO RIVER DISTRICT YUMA FIELD OFFICE

Under the authority of the Federal Land Management Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) and pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.0-6 and 43 CFR 9212.1-4, this Fire Prevention Land Closure applies to lands administered by the Yuma Field Office. Notice is hereby given that the Colorado River District (BLM) will immediately close selected public lands to public access in La Paz County, AZ.

Due to the extreme fire conditions and activity currently in this area and in the interest of public safety, the following areas will be temporarily closed until the end of the current fire emergency.

- (1) For Oxbow Campground, La Paz County, AZ and surrounding areas.
- (2) Oxbow Bridge Road (west from levee road)
- (3) Levee Access Road east of US Hwy 78/Ben Hulse Hwy along C-28 Canal

This closure will be in effect on May 22nd, 2025, at 0700 for the purpose of protecting the public and shall stay in effect until rescinded. The Colorado River District Fire Management Officer and Yuma Field Manager will make the determination as to when the closure will be rescinded based on public safety. The map of the closure area is attached to this order.

- (1) Persons exempt from the closure and that are allowed in the closed area without written permission include the following:
 - a) Emergency vehicles, equipment, and personnel.
 - b) Government employees acting in the performance of their duties.
 - c) Grazing permittees in the performance of permitted acts.
 - d) Utility companies and other right of way holder employees acting in the performance of their duties.
- (2) Private landowners shall be allowed access to their private property across BLM lands, on established roads. Deviation from the shortest, most direct travel route to their property will be considered a violation of the closure and may be subject to the penalties as described in 43 CFR 9212.4
- (3) The closure also applies to special recreation permit holders who are authorized to conduct activities on BLM land.
- (4) This closure follows provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701) and 43 CFR 9212.0-6 and 43 CFR 9212.1-4. The penalties of this Fire Prevention Order are provided in 43 CFR 9212.4. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the

regulations at 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

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