

Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Redding Field Office CA-360-25-01

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Redding Field Office is prohibiting the following acts under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*) and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails in the Redding Field Office, starting July, 3rd 2025 and continuing until further notice. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited year-round under 43 C.F.R. § 9212.1, BLM-California Fire Order CA910-2020-001, and/or certain California state laws.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 C.F.R. §9212.2, these BLM actions complement and support state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations, which apply to all BLM-managed lands within California.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

1. Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using any open fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or stove is prohibited except campfires within approved fire pits and grills already provided in the following campgrounds: Shasta Campground, Ohl Olsen Campground and Bohemotash Primitive Campground in the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area; Junction City Campground, Steel Bridge Campground, and Douglas City Campground in Trinity County; and Reading Island Campground in Shasta County. Fires are not allowed in the Forks of Butte area, Butte County. Portable stoves using gas, jelled petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are exempt from this restriction with a valid Campfire Permit available at any CAL FIRE, Forest Service or BLM office, or online at <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>.
2. Operating or using any internal combustion engine (e.g., chainsaws, generators, portable tools, OHVs) off BLM-designated roads and trails is prohibited. All internal combustion engines, with the exception of registered street legal vehicles, must be equipped with a properly functioning and maintained spark arresting device. Chainsaws with approved spark arresters may be used off designated roads and trails for personal use firewood cutting until 1 p.m. daily.
3. Smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer, or while in a designated developed campground with a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials. State or local laws apply.
4. Recreational target shooting after 12:01 noon until ½ hour before sunrise is prohibited. Targets made of material that emit sparks or explode are prohibited. **Persons engaged in target shooting shall have a shovel or a fire extinguisher available to extinguish a small fire.** The possession or use of any steel-jacketed, steel core or incendiary ammunition of any caliber without a valid State of California hunting license and being actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game and non-game species in accordance with current California hunting regulations, is prohibited. **During the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches, as determined by the National Weather Service (NWS), all recreational shooting, is temporarily suspended.**
5. Possessing or discharging any fireworks, including devices labeled “safe and sane,” on all public lands is prohibited.

Pursuant to **43 CFR 9212.2 (3)**, the following persons are exempt from this order: Anyone with a special-use permit, specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or any Federal, State, local Officer, contracted Operator, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Penalties for violating this order:

Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order, which may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984, that does not result in death, may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred may be borne by the trespasser.

For questions, please call the Redding Field Office (530) 224-2100, Monday – Friday, 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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