



Fire Prevention Order

Mother Lode Field Office

Order number CAC06000-25-01

Due to increased wildland fire danger and low relative humidities, the Bureau of Land Management Mother Lode Field Office is prohibiting in addition to current fire restrictions the following acts under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et. seq.*) and pursuant to 43 Code for Federal Regulations (CFR) §9212.2, within the boundaries of the BLM Mother Lode Field Office starting June 6, 2025, and until rescinded by the Mother Lode Field Manager. These prohibitions are in addition to acts already prohibited under 43 CFR §9212.1 and year-round California Fire Order CA910-2020-001.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 CFR §9212.2, these BLM actions complement and support state and local wildfire prevention. These fire restrictions and all state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations shall apply to all BLM-managed public lands.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or open flame of any kind is prohibited including within established campgrounds. Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed and require a valid California campfire permit. California campfire permits are available free at all BLM, U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire offices or at www.preventwildfireca.org/Permits.
- All recreational target shooting is temporary prohibited under this order. Visit www.wheretoshoot.org for alternative recreational target shooting locations. except with 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.
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine (e.g., chainsaws, generators, ATVs) off BLM designated roads and trails. All internal combustion engines, with the exception of registered street legal vehicles, must be equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arresting device.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped/standing in a designated developed campground with a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from federal facility doors, windows and air ducts.
- The possession or operating of any welding, acetylene device or other open flame torch that uses oxygen and fuel gases to weld and cut steel or metallic components. Welding and torch definitions and direction pursuant to 43 CFR §912.2, U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1910.252(a).

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- No explosives.

Exemptions

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR §9212.2(b)(3), each of the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1) Any Federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty.
- 2) Persons with a permit or contract specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts. Campfire permits are addressed in the above prohibition section and do not apply as a broad exception permit.

Penalties for violating this order

Anyone in violation of this Fire Prevention Order may be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this Order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA , 18 USC 3559. Pursuant to 18 USC 3571, if the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months. Liability for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

Additional Information

Fire Prevention Orders and a map of current restriction area available at:

www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions

Fire weather forecasts are available through the National Weather Service at,

<https://www.weather.gov/fire/>.

These prohibitions are in addition to the General Fire Restrictions contained in 43 CFR 9212.1.

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For questions, please call 916-941-3101, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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