

Bureau of Land Management
Notice of Temporary Closure Order

OFFICE: Tuscarora Field Office/ Elko District Office/ BLM Nevada

ACTION: Temporary Road & Campground Closure

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management Tuscarora Field Office announces the temporary closure of certain public lands under its administration for an undetermined period starting August 18, 2025. This action is taken to minimize risk to the public, in response to an increase in fire activity on the Cottonwood Peak Fire.

The temporary closure is in the Wilson Reservoir Recreation Management Area Campground and BLM Access Road 1094. The closure will not affect any other roads.

The following restrictions will be in effect for the duration of the closure. Unless otherwise authorized, the following activities within the closure area are prohibited:

- Public access to the closure area.
- Public use of BLM Access Road 1094
- Operating a vehicle through, around, or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.

RATIONALE: Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR 8340 subpart 8341, 43 CFR 8360 subpart 8364.1, 43 CFR 9212.2, and 43 CFR 2932.

EXEMPTIONS: The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada, or Elko County. Vehicles under permit for retrieval of debris, road repair/construction, and environmental response and rehabilitation.

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: The road closure will begin at the junction of BLM Road 1094 and County Road 730 (IL Ranch Road), approximately 3.5 miles west of County Road 728, and will restrict access to the Wilson Reservoir Recreation Management Area Campground.

DATES: August 18, 2025 until a date to be determined.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS:

A copy of this closure notice will be posted with visitor service at the front desk of the Elko District Office, on the road going to Wilson Reservoir Campground, and on the BLM Nevada website at <https://www.blm.gov/nevada>.

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.*

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