



Fire Prevention Order CA910-2026-001

California Year-round Fire Restrictions

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, the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails in the state of California, starting February 13, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited under 43 C.F.R. § 9212.1 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. This fire order does not supersede local BLM fire orders. BLM District or Field Offices may issue seasonal fire restrictions through a fire prevention order, and may rescind those seasonal restrictions, as necessary.

Acts prohibited under this order:

- Building, attending, maintaining, or using a campfire, charcoal, coal or wood stove/grill outside of a developed campground without a valid California Campfire Permit. A developed campground is one that has been designated, developed, and maintained by the BLM, which is posted as open for public use, and where campfires are contained within an existing pit or ring constructed or provided by the BLM with steel or rock and mortar.
- Possessing, discharging, using or allowing the use of fireworks, pyrotechnic or incendiary devices.
- Possessing, discharging, igniting or causing to burn; explosives or explosive material, including binary explosive targets.
- Discharging a firearm using tracer or incendiary ammunition, or projectiles containing steel. The restriction does not apply to the use of non-lead hunting ammunition required under California or Federal law for the lawful take of wildlife. [Use of tracer or incendiary ammunition is always prohibited on public lands].
- Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.
- Releasing or causing to be released any sky lanterns, airborne paper lanterns, and fire balloons that contain a candle or fuel cell composed of a waxy flammable material that are lit and rise into the air.

Persons exempted from this order:

- Persons with a permit, contract or letter of authorization from the appropriate BLM District or Field Office specifically authorizing the above prohibited act or omission within that specific management area.
- Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.

Penalties for violating this order:

Anyone who knowingly and willfully violates 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.

For questions, please call (916) 978-4680, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., or visit the BLM California Fire Restrictions webpage at www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions.

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