

Fire Prevention Order CAD-000-2026-01

California Desert District 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 CFR 9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed-lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails, on the public lands managed the California Desert District (CDD) in Imperial, southern Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, eastern Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. This order is in addition to acts already prohibited under 43 CFR 9212.1 and Fire Prevention Order CA 910-2020-001, California Year-round Fire Restrictions.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 CFR 9212.2, these BLM actions compliment and support state and local wildfire prevention; all state and local wildfire prevention laws and regulations shall apply to all BLM-managed lands within the CDD.

The restrictions in this order apply to **all BLM-managed** public lands within the CDD.

Acts Prohibited Under This Order:

- During the issuance of Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches, as determined by the National Weather Service, the use of campfires and all target shooting is temporarily suspended in the specific area that the warning is issued to reduce the potential of unintended wildland fire ignitions for the period of the warning or watch; and
- The possession or use of any steel jacketed or steel core ammunition of any caliber unless a person is in possession of a valid State of California hunting license and is actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game or non-game species in accordance with current California hunting regulations. This includes handgun, rifle and shotgun ammunition.

Ammunition Definitions

***Steel Jacketed:** Having a steel ferrous jacket over a non-ferrous soft metal core of the bullet.*

***Steel Core:** The core or center of the bullet is steel or other ferrous metal composition.*

It is recommended that all target shooters carry a Class A (pressurized water fire extinguisher), or a backpack style water pump and/or shovel.

Duration of this Order

This order begins on January 1, 2026, at 00:01 A.M. and ends on December 31, 2030, at 11:59 P.M. unless terminated sooner.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- a. Persons with a valid permit from BLM or contract with the BLM that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
- b. Any Federal, State, or local officer, 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 Information Regarding the Restrictions, call the nearest BLM field office Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

California Desert District	(951) 697-5200	Ridgecrest	(760) 384-5400
Barstow	(760) 252-6000	Needles	(760) 326-7000
Palm Springs	(760) 833-7100	El Centro	(760) 337-4400

California Campfire Permits are available at: www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire Permits.
Fire Prevention Orders and Maps are 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/>

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