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The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lee:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared the attached response in conformance with Section 4103(d) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Act), 16 USC 7913(d). The Act instructs the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to prepare and provide annually to Congress a list, by state, of Federal lands that have been temporarily or permanently¹ closed to hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting. In 2025, the BLM implemented the list of closures below. Additional details can be found in the attachment to this letter.

Fiscal Year	Permanent Closures	Acres Permanently Closed	Temporary Closures	Acres Temporarily Closed
2025	9	172,382	0	0

Closure information is organized by BLM state office and is updated annually. This information, including information about individual closures implemented since passage of the Dingell Act, can be found online at <https://www.blm.gov/about/laws-and-regulations/dingell-act/dingell-act-closures>.

Identical letters are being sent to the Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Honorable John Boozman, Chair, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Honorable Amy Klobuchar, Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chair, Committee on Natural Resources; the Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member, Committee on Natural Resources; the Honorable Glenn “GT” Thompson, Chair, Committee on Agriculture; and the Honorable Angie Craig, Ranking Member, Committee on Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director,
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Enclosure

¹ Although the Act refers to any closure lasting more than 180 days as “permanent,” the BLM retains the ability to modify or terminate such closures through land use or implementation-level planning, as appropriate.

Attachment

Bureau of Land Management John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act Section 4103 – Closure of BLM Lands to Hunting, Fishing, or Recreational Shooting 2025 Closure List

Table 1. List of Permanent and Temporary Closures in FY 2025

State Office	District Office	Project Name	Acres Permanently Closed	Acres Temporarily Closed	Activity Closed
CA	Central California	Old Don Pedro Parking Area Renovation	1	0	Shooting
CA	Northern California	Barnes Grade Recreation Area	1,120	0	Shooting
NV	Ely	Garnet Hill Recreation Area Management Plan ¹	20	0	Shooting
UT	Color Country	Coal Creek Campground	55	0	Shooting
UT	Color Country	Beas Lewis Flat Campground	134	0	Shooting
UT	Canyon Country	Bears Ears National Monument RMP	8,043	0	Shooting
UT	Paria River	Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument RMP	163,000	0	Shooting
UT	Canyon Country	Hamburger Rock Campground Expansion	8	0	Shooting
UT	Canyon Country	Recapture Reservoir Boat Ramp and Parking	1	0	Shooting

¹ This decision should have been recorded in the FY 2024 project list; it is being documented now to ensure accurate historical reporting.

CALIFORNIA

Old Don Pedro Parking Area Renovation (Central California District) 1 acre permanently closed. In March 2025, the Mother Lode Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the expansion and improvement of the Old Don Pedro Parking Area (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-CA-C080-2025-0007-EA](#)). This decision closed approximately 1 additional acre to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

Barnes Grade Recreation Area (Northern California District) 1,120 acres permanently closed. In September 2025, the Applegate Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the construction of the Barnes Grade Recreation Area (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2025-0018-EA](#)). The development will include three parking areas, one day-use area, a nine-hole disc golf course, and related infrastructure. This decision closed approximately 1,120 acres to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

NEVADA

Garnet Hill Recreation Area Management Plan (Ely District) 20 acres permanently closed. In November 2023, the Bristlecone Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the construction of

new recreational facilities and the enhancement of existing facilities at both the Garnet Hill and Egan Crest trailhead areas (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-NV-L060-2023-0003-EA](#)). This decision closed approximately 20 acres to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

UTAH

Coal Creek Campground (Color Country District) 55 acres permanently closed. In November 2024, the Cedar City Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the construction of the Coal Creek Campground (NEPA number: [DOI-BLM-UT-C010-2024-0036-EA](#)). This decision closed 55 acres to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

Beas Lewis Flat Campground (Color Country District) 134 acres permanently closed. In November 2024, the Richfield Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the construction of the Beas Lewis Flat Campground (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-UT-C020-2025-0025-EA](#)). This decision closed approximately 134 acres to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan (Canyon Country District) 8,043 acres permanently closed. In January 2025, the Monticello Field Office issued a [Record of Decision](#) for the approved Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan, prohibiting recreational shooting in all campgrounds, developed recreation sites, rock writing sites, and structural cultural sites on 8,043 acres of the monument (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2022-0030-RMP-EIS](#)). Legal hunting would continue to be allowed.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resource Management Plan (Paria River District) 163,000 acres permanently closed. In January 2025, the Paria River District Office issued a [Record of Decision](#) for the approved Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Resource Management Plan, prohibiting recreational shooting on approximately 163,000 acres (8.7 percent) of the monument (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-UT-P010-2022-0006-RMP-EIS](#)). The prohibition includes areas within 600 feet of archaeological and historic resources, front country areas, and within 600 feet of residences, campgrounds, developed recreation facilities, and four specific routes for public health and safety reasons. Legal hunting would continue to be allowed.

Hamburger Rock Campground Expansion (Canyon Country District) 8 acres permanently closed. In July 2025, the Monticello Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing expansion of the Hamburger Rock Campground in Bears Ears National Monument (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2025-0012-EA](#)). This decision closed approximately 8 additional acres to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

Recapture Reservoir Boat Ramp and Parking (Canyon Country District) 1 acre permanently closed. In August 2025, the Monticello Field Office issued a [Decision Record](#) authorizing the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to improve boat access at Recapture Reservoir by constructing a boat ramp, formalizing the parking lot, and adding facilities including vault toilet (NEPA Number: [DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2025-0023-EA](#)). This decision closed approximately 1 acre to shooting in accordance with 43 CFR 8365.2-5 as a developed recreation site.

Table 2. Summary of Hunting, Fishing, or Recreational Shooting Closures¹ by State Office

State Office	Total BLM Acres ²	Acres Closed Pre-Dingell Act ³	Acres Closed Post-Dingell Act	Total Acres Closed	Percent Acres Closed of Total
AK	71,105,178	3,585	11	3,596	0.01%
AZ	12,057,980	243,283	489,804	733,087	6.08%
CA	14,989,808	818,099	1,121	819,220	5.46%
CO	8,344,829	263,904	2,300	266,204	3.19%
ES ⁴	24,074	925	0	925	3.84%
ID	11,768,027	65,945	5,773	71,718	0.61%
MT/DKs	8,388,055	30,202	20,250	50,452	0.60%
NM	13,504,343	69,941	0	69,941	0.52%
NV	47,225,132	363,161	13,036	376,197	0.80%
OR/WA	16,165,218	188,355	1,021	189,376	1.17%
UT	22,759,900	92,586	181,946	274,532	1.21%
WY	18,054,540	28,909	0	28,909	0.16%
Totals	244,387,084	2,168,895	715,262	2,884,157	1.18%

¹ Refers to public lands subject to a permanent or temporary closure or restriction to either hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting.

² Total BLM acres per state as recorded in the [2024 Public Land Statistics](#).

³ Acres closed prior to Dingell Act enactment (March 12, 2019).

⁴ Eastern States (ES) includes 31 states bordering on or east of the Mississippi River. Total acres are approximately 40,000 acres, but several parcels still need to be surveyed.