



Fire Prevention Order CAD-000-2026-02

California Desert District Seasonal Fire Restrictions

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District (CDD) is prohibiting the following acts 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 BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways and trails in Imperial, southern Inyo, eastern Kern, Los Angeles, eastern Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties starting April 15, 2026, and ending October 29, 2026. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited year-round under 43 CFR 9212.1, and BLM California Fire Prevention Order CA 910-2026-001, California Year-round Fire Restrictions and Fire Prevention Order CAD-000-2026-01 California Desert District Year-round Fire Restrictions 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 in California.

- All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD south and west of Highway 58 from the CDD western boundary to Highway 14, west of Highway 14 from its junction with Highway 58 to its junction with Highway 138, west and south of Highway 138 from its junction with Highway 14 to its junction with Highway 18, south and west of Highway 18 from its junction with Highway 138 to its junction with Highway 247, south and west of Highway 247 from its junction with Highway 18 to its junction with Highway 62, north and west of Highway 62 from its junction with Highway 247 to its junction with Interstate 10, north of Interstate 10 from its junction with Highway 62 until its junction with Highway 111, south and west of Highway 111 from its junction with Interstate 10 to its junction with Highway 86 just north of Mecca, south and west of Highway 86 from its junction of Highway 111 to the Riverside/Imperial County line, and all CDD managed lands within San Diego County shall be **under Stage II Restrictions**.
- **Firearms:** All recreational target shooting is temporarily prohibited under this order on the above lands except when actively engaged in the legal take/pursuit of game and non-game species in accordance with current California hunting regulations with a valid State of California hunting license.

All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD south and east of Highway 178 from its junction with Highway 127 to Chicago Valley Road, south and west of Chicago Valley Road from its junction with Highway 178 to its junction with Chicago Wash, west of Chicago Wash from its junction with Chicago Road to Old Spanish Trail, north and west of Old Spanish Trail Highway from its junction Chicago Wash to Highway 127, east of Highway 127 between its junctions with Old Spanish Trail Highway and Highway 178 shall be **under Stage II Restrictions**.

All BLM-managed public lands within the CDD not in Stage II restrictions as identified above shall be **under Stage I Restrictions**.

Stage I Restriction:

Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited, except campfires in approved fire pits and grills provided in developed recreation sites, or campfires in the Imperial County Special

Recreation Management Areas, or campfires in the Dumont Dunes Special Recreation Management Area with a valid California Campfire Permit. 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, and smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped or standing in a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from federal facility doors, windows, and air ducts.

Stage II Restriction:

Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind is prohibited. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed with a valid California Campfire Permit, and smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer unless prohibited by state or local laws.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to **Title 43, CFR §9212.2**, the following persons are exempt 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.

Duration of this Order:

This order begins on April 15, 2026, at 12:01 A.M. and ends on October 29, 2026, at 23:59 P.M. unless terminated sooner.

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 no more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for no more than 12 months. Liability for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

Additional Information

A map of current restrictions and active fire prevention orders are available online at:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/fire/regional-info/california/fire-restrictions>

Fire weather forecasts are available through the National Weather Service at, <https://www.weather.gov/fire/>

Maps of current restrictions are available at: <https://ow.ly/9QrJ50YGIHs>

For information regarding the restrictions, call the nearest BLM field office, Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. California Desert District (951) 697-5200, Ridgecrest (760) 384-5400, Barstow (760) 252-6000, Needles (760) 326-7000, Palm Springs-South Coast (760) 833-7100, El Centro (760) 337-4400

California Campfire Permits are available at: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/>

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