

## Bureau of Land Management

### Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order

**OFFICE:** Ukiah Field Office, Central California District, CA

**ACTION:** Vehicle Restriction and Temporary Closure – Road intermittently closed to vehicle access to South Cow Mountain on Mendo Lake Road from Scotts Valley, CA, to Red Mountain Campground.

**SUMMARY:** Access to Mendo Lake Road will be restricted for approximately 10 miles between Scotts Creek and the Red Mountain Campground turnoff due to road maintenance from May 1, 2026, to Oct. 16, 2026. The road and trails accessed from this portion of Mendo Lake Road will be inaccessible during the closure.

**RATIONALE:** This order is consistent with 43 CFR 8364.1(a), which provides for issuance of temporary closure orders on public lands to protect persons, property and public lands by restricting vehicle access.

**EXEMPTIONS:**

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; or persons with written authorization from the BLM.

This order does not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the closure, 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:** South Cow Mountain, Lake County, CA

**DATES:** May 1, 2026, 6 a.m. to Oct. 16, 2026, 6 p.m.

**NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS:** Posted notice at kiosks within South Cow Mountain Recreation Area prior to road closure. Posted on the BLM website at <https://www.blm.gov/visit/south-cow-mountain-ohv-management-area>

**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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