



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

# TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF OTAY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

May 8, 2026

**Office:** Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, California Desert District, California

**Action:** Temporary closure of routes and trails in Otay Mountain and Sycamore Canyon in San Diego County

**Summary:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will temporarily close routes and trails for public health and safety during a cleanup of the Otay Mountain Wilderness for a nine-day period starting May 11, 2026.

**Rationale:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, these routes and trails are temporarily closed for public safety due to increased vehicle activity on the mountain and aerial operations. This action was considered through DOI-BLM-CA-D060-2026-0005-CE and is in conformance with the South Coast Resource Management Plan (BLM, 1994).

**Exemptions:** This order does not apply to:

1. Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties.
2. Members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties.
3. Persons with written authorization from the BLM. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the BLM authorized officer.
4. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM authorized officer allowing access to the described public lands.
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**Location:** The routes and trails in the legal land description listed below and within the black-outlined polygon on the [map](#) are closed to all use and entry.

San Bernardino Meridian, CA

T. 17 S., R. 1 E.,

Part of Rancho Jamul Grant Lot 39.

T. 17 S., R. 2 E.,

Rancho Jamul Grant Lot 37, that part southwesterly of Hwy 94;

sec. 30, lots 1, and 2;

sec. 31, lots 1, 8, and 9.

T. 18 S., R. 1 E.,

sec. 02, E1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4;

sec. 11, E1/2E1/2, and NW1/4NE1/4 ;  
sec. 13, S1/2S1/2;  
sec. 14, E1/2E1/2, and NW1/4SE1/4;  
sec. 24, N1/2NE1/4, and NE1/4NW1/4.

T. 18 S., R. 2 E.,

sec. 17, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, and SW1/4;  
sec. 18, lot 4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4;  
sec. 19, lot 1, and N1/2NE1/4;  
sec. 20, NE1/4NW1/4.

The federal lands described total approximately 2,814 acres

**Dates:** May 11, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. to May 19, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

**Notifications Methods and Posted Locations:** Electronically posted to BLM Palm Springs-South Coast website. Physically posted at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast field office and on kiosks and portal signs near the closure 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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Signed by:

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Field Manager

Date