



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

Fire Prevention Order

Northern California District, Applegate Field Office
CA-320-26-01

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Applegate Field Office is prohibiting the following acts on BLM-managed public lands, areas, roads, waterways, and trails under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et. seq.*) and pursuant to 43 CFR §9212.2 in the Applegate Field Office jurisdiction, starting July 15, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. (PST), and continuing until further notice. This order is in addition to and includes acts already prohibited year-round under [BLM California Fire Order CA910-2026-001](#), and/or certain California state laws.

In the interest of wildfire prevention, public safety, and in compliance with 43 CFR §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.

Acts prohibited and defined under this order:

- Building, attending, maintaining, or using any open fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or coal or wood stove, except in fire rings or barbecues provided in the Pit River and Boulder Reservoir BLM recreation sites.
- Controlled flame devices, such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves, using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed outside of developed sites on public land in the jurisdiction of the Applegate Field Office, and require a valid California campfire permit available at any CALFIRE, Forest Service or BLM office, or online at: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits>
- 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.
- Operating any type of motorized vehicle off established roads or trails on public land. Parking vehicles off roadways must be done in an area clear of flammable material.
- Operating or using any portable tool or device (e.g., chainsaws, generators) powered by an internal combustion engine off established roads or trails on public land.
- Possessing or operating any welding, acetylene device, or other open flame torch that uses oxygen and fuel gases to weld and cut steel or metallic components.
- Possessing or discharging any fireworks, including “safe and sane” devices on public land.
- Possessing, using, or discharging any incendiary, tracer, steel component (core or jacketed), or armor piercing ammunition of any caliber while target shooting, or using any exploding targets or targets made of materials that could explode or emit sparks and cause a wildfire.

Exemptions

Pursuant to Title 43, CFR §9212.2, the following 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 in that specific management area.
- Persons hunting during open season for a game bird or mammal as specified by state laws with a valid state hunting license in their possession may discharge a firearm at the legal game bird or mammal.
- Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 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.
- Chainsaws with approved spark arresters may be used off designated roads and trails for personal use firewood cutting until 1 p.m. daily and must be accompanied by a fuelwood permit.

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 BLM California fire restrictions and active fire prevention orders are available at:

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

For information regarding these restrictions, call the Applegate Field Office at 530-233-4555, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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