

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order

CA360-26-02

OFFICE: Redding Field Office/California BLM

ACTION: Temporary Closure

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management will temporarily close 26.5 acres along Clear Creek in Shasta County from September 15, 2026, through September 15, 2027. The closure restricts public access unless authorized by permit or contract. This area was closed under order CA360-25-02 last year.

The closure supports public health and safety while protecting decades of habitat restoration in the Clear Creek Greenway, where the Department of the Interior has invested millions over the past 20 years. Most recently, the BLM Redding Field Office invested \$150,000 to remove encampments and debris from the riparian area.

This temporary measure allows follow-up vegetation management to succeed and helps ensure long-term restoration benefits for the community and the environment.

RATIONALE: The area will be closed for one year under 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 9268.3(d)(1)(i)(iii)(iv) for health and human safety reasons, prevent unnecessary destruction of plant life and wildlife habitat and to protect the natural environment.

The Clear Creek/Hwy 273 area has faced long-term impacts from unauthorized encampments, despite repeated cleanups, enforcement patrols, and access controls. Vegetation has been regrowing over the last year and the closure will continue to allow vegetation to grow and stabilize the soil near the creek. We have been successful in enforcing the closure during the past year and have seen great improvements in the overall health and safety of the area. Another year of closure should allow the vegetation to recover to a point where authorized encampments are less feasible.

During the temporary closure, BLM will place a gate to limit vehicular access to the area and allow vegetation to regrow after the completed clean up in 2025. Upstream, the Bureau of Reclamation, BLM, and partners have invested millions in recreation facilities and river restoration, and protecting these investments is a priority.

This closure aligns with the Northern California Integrated Management Plan's Public Health and Safety guidance to limit access in areas affected by illegal dumping and other hazards.

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; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

This order does not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the event, 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: The legal description of the parcels are as follows: Township and Range: T31N R5W Section 00, T31N R4W Section 00, T31N R4W Section 30, T31N R4W Section 31. The parcels under the closure order include all BLM-administered lands on both sides of Clear Creek, from east of the Highway 273 bridge to the confluence of Clear Creek and the Sacramento River. See map for a visual representation. Total closure area is approximately 26.5 Acres.

DATES: September 15, 2026 through September 15, 2027

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: This order and map will be posted on the Redding Field Office website, posted on site at the property, and shared with our local partners, such as the City of Redding and Redding Rancheria.

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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