



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

TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CEMENT FLATS

September 8, 2026

Office: El Centro Field Office, California Desert District, California

Action: Temporary closure of Cement Flats area in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area

Summary: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily closing the Cement Flats area in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area to camping and recreational use for no more than 18 months starting September 8, 2026, to serve as a temporary ranger station during construction of the new Cahuilla Ranger Station.

Rationale: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, this temporary closure is to support BLM operations for the 2026-27 recreation season during the construction of the new Cahuilla Ranger Station. The BLM vacated the existing ranger station in April 2026, in preparation for its demolition. Construction of the new facility will begin in September 2026 and be completed no later than spring of 2028. Cement Flats will be temporarily closed so the BLM can operate a temporary ranger station to maintain emergency medical services and law enforcement services as outlined in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan, as well as an on-site sales location for ISDRA fee permits. The site for the temporary ranger station was chosen due to its proximity to the existing ranger station, access to Highway 78, and the relatively limited camping in the area, compared to other locations within the ISDRA.

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 medical, rescue, or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties.
3. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Location: Off Highway 78, at 4500 Gecko Road, Brawley, CA. (Township 13 South, Range 17 East, Imperial County, California) (32.9744, -115.1768), [see map](#).

Dates: September 8, 2026, through February 2028.

Notifications Methods and Posted Locations: Electronically posted to the BLM El Centro Field Office website and Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area social media page. Physically posted at the BLM El Centro Field Office.

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:

Field Manager (Acting) Date