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EMERGENCY FIRE CLOSURE MODIFICATION
Las Cienegas National Conservation Area
Public Lands in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties between
Highway 82 and I-10
Highway 83 to Highway 90
Bureau of Land Management
Tucson Field Office

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8351.2-1 or 43 CFR 9212.2 (a) and effective at 10:00 a.m. May 24, 2017 and until rescinded, public access is now open in some areas of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area and public lands within Pima and Santa Cruz counties (between Highway 82 and Highway 90 and I-10 south to Highway 83).

The open areas include all BLM-managed public lands south and west of the LC900 Road, along the LC904 road and the Empire Ranch headquarters are now open to public access, with the exception of the Heritage Discovery Trail, Grove House, and all areas of Empire Gulch.

Closed & Prohibited:

With the exception of the areas noted above, BLM-managed public lands south of Interstate 10; west of Highway 83 to Highway 90; and north of Highway 82, to specifically include most areas of the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, are included within the Closure boundary. The Heritage Discovery Trail, Grove House, and all areas of Empire Gulch remain closed for public safety. Please see the attached reference maps.

Temporary Prohibited Acts & Entry:

1. Entry to public lands beyond signed, closed and locked gates and as shown (see attached maps), by motorized use, pedestrian or equestrian use, unless a specific exemption has been granted.
2. Entry to the Empire Gulch including Heritage Discovery Trail, Empire Day Use Site, and Grove House.
3. Specifically there shall not be any educational and recreational uses including hiking, bird watching, camping, recreational shooting, dog trials, off-road riding, school or historic tours, and others.

A violation of this closure is punishable by a fine of not more than $1,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

Exempted: White Tail Ranch access; utility company access; administrative access including ranching access.

Except in emergency conditions or permission by an agency authorized officer, **there are no exceptions to this closure other than those listed above.**

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