

Revision of Established Occupancy and Camping Stay Limit; Yuma District, Arizona and California Desert District, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Revision of established occupancy and camping stay limit for campgrounds and undeveloped public lands in the Yuma District, Arizona and California, and the California Desert District, California.

SUMMARY: Persons may camp or occupy any specific location within designated campgrounds or on public lands within the Yuma District, Arizona and California and California Desert District, California for a period of not more than 14 days within any period of 28 consecutive days. Exceptions would include Long Term Visitor Areas, areas closed to camping and areas with specially designated camping stay limits. The 28-day period will begin when a camper initially occupies a specific location on public land. The 14-day limit may be reached either through a number of separate visits or through 14 days of continuous occupation during the 28-day period. After the 14th day of occupation campers must move outside of a 25 mile radius of the previous location. Camping means the erection and use of a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use or mooring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy. Occupancy is defined as the taking or holding possession of a camp or residence on public land.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 1984.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This occupancy and camping stay limit is being established in order to assist the Bureau in reducing the incidence of unauthorized long-term occupancy being conducted under the guise of camping, both within campgrounds and on undeveloped public lands. Long Term Visitor Areas have been established with the Yuma District and California Desert District to provide for long-term occupancy.

Authority for this stay limit is contained in CFR Title 43, Chapter II, Part 8365.1-2.

Dated: July 19, 1984

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