



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



Notice of Temporary Emergency Closure:

Of the Pacific Crest National Trail Between the Southern Terminus at the International Border and Harts Ranch Road/Big Potrero Truck Trail, South of Hauser Canyon, Eastern San Diego County, California

AUTHORITY CITATION: Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rules (s) on the Pacific Crest National Trail between the southern Terminus at the international border, to Harts Ranch Road/Big Potrero Truck south of Hauser Canyon.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, is providing notice of Temporary Emergency Closure which provides, in part, the Authorized Officer to close or restrict use of designated public land for the protection of person, property, and public lands and resources.

On June 20, 2016, a fire started north of Tecate and the U.S – Mexico border. Fire suppression activities have been initiated but the fire continues to burn eastward towards Hauser Mountain, the Pacific Crest Trail and desert areas. The Pacific Crest National Trail is closed between the south Terminus of the Pacific Crest Trail, at the international border, to Harts Ranch Road/Big Potrero Truck Trail, south of Hauser Canyon, Eastern San Diego County, California.

For public and firefighter safety, in relation to the Border Fire and fire management, all human travel along approximately 15.4 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail is prohibited from the southern Terminus at the international border to Harts Ranch Road/Big Potrero Truck Trail, south of Hauser Canyon. The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area.

DATES: This temporary emergency closure is effective June 21, 2016, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

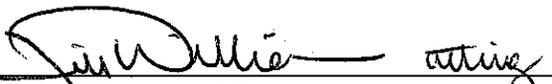
ADDRESSES: Maps showing the affected area are available for review at Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262, or online: www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Telephone: (760) 833-7100.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The affected areas described herein will be subject to the following use restrictions: Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall travel along the approximately 15.4 miles of the Pacific Crest National Trail from the southern Terminus to Harts Ranch Road/Big Potrero Truck Trail, south of Hauser Canyon.

EXEMPTIONS: The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

PENALTIES: 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Violation of any regulations in this part by a member of the public may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.


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June 21, 2016
Date