

**California Desert District
Fire Restriction and Closure Checklist**

Field Office: Palm Springs South Coast Field Offices **Date:** 6/23/15

Evaluation Guidelines

Criteria	Yes	No
1000 hour fuel moisture at or above 80 th percentile for 3 days?	x	
3 day mean Energy Release Component at or above 80 th percentile?	x	
Depleted resources in the region?	x	
Recent/current high fire occurrence in local response area?	x	
Local Preparedness Level at 3 or above?	x	
Field Manager and fire program coordination?	x	
District Manager briefed?	x	

Field Manager Justification

The proliferation of target shooting in these areas (maps attached) has resulted in the incidence of shooter related fire starts when fire conditions are at this or higher levels. These fires result in substantial threats to the public, property, and resources. This is especially significant given the dispersed nature of these public lands and the extent of rural and community development in the area. There is also a history of major fires in these areas. Eliminating this potential fire threat will reduce the probability of fire starts and potentially catastrophic fire incidents. The Whitewater Closure (jointly managed with Riverside County) specifically involves a closure to all human entry given the extreme fire conditions in this area and the lack of secondary access, or escape routes, within this confined canyon.

District/Zone Fire Management Officer Recommendation


Field Manager

District Manager

District/Zone FMO