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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Notice of Temporary Emergency Closure:

Of the Pacific Crest Trail between Highway 14 and the Santa Clara River in Soledad Canyon in Los Angeles 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 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will enforce the following rules on the Pacific Crest Trail within the perimeter of the Sand Fire between Highway 14 and Soledad Canyon Road in Los Angeles County.

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

On July 22, 2016, a fire started near Sand Canyon Road and Highway 14 in the Santa Clarita area of Los Angeles County. Fire activities are ongoing in the area of the Pacific Crest Trail and other surrounding areas. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed within the perimeter of the Sand Fire between Highway 14 and Soledad Canyon Road in Los Angeles County, California.

For public and firefighter safety, in relation to the Sand Fire and fire management, all human travel along approximately 1.26 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail is prohibited within the perimeter of the Sand Fire between Highway 14 and Soledad Canyon Road. The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area.

DATES: This temporary emergency closure is effective August 12, 2016, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.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 the 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 1.26 miles of the Pacific Crest National Trail within the perimeter of the Sand Fire between Highway 14 and Soledad Canyon Road.

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.

PENTALTIES: 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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