



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



Notice of Temporary Emergency Closure:

Of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail south from Highway 58 until the trail connects with the Los Angeles Aqueduct just north of Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, CA.

AUTHORITY CITATION: 43 CFR, 8364.1, Closure and Restriction Orders

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office (BLM) is providing notice pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8364.1 (Closure and Restriction Orders), which provides, in part, for the Authorized Officer to close or restrict use of designated public land for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources.

On September 4, 2011 a fire started in the Blackburn Canyon area. Fire suppression activities have been initiated but the fire continues to burn eastward across Oak Creek Canyon, the Pacific Crest Trail and desert areas toward the community of Mojave.

For public safety, all human travel along approximately 30 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail is prohibited south from Highway 58 until the trail connects with the Los Angeles Aqueduct just north of Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, CA until further notice. This closure is issued to provide firefighter and public safety by restricting human entry into an area that may be congested with firefighting equipment, used for safety zones, and staging firefighting equipment and personnel.

DATES: This closure is effective September 6, 2011 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.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 following locations: BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; the Jawbone Visitor Station, 28111 Jawbone Canyon Rd., Cantil, CA 93518.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Telephone: (760) 384-5400.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The affected areas described herein will be subject to the following use restrictions:

1. Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall travel along approximately 30 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail south from Highway 58 until the trail connects with the Los Angeles Aqueduct just north of Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond, CA.
2. Persons who are exempt from the restriction include:
 - a. Any Federal State or local officers engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities;
 - b. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
 - c. Private Property owners accessing their private lands;
 - d. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties; and
 - e. Additional persons may be allowed, but must have advanced written approval from the BLM Authorized Officer, Ridgecrest Field Office.

Maps showing the described areas are available at the BLM's Ridgecrest Field Office.

PENALTIES: 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Violation of any regulations in this part by a member of the public is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

/s/ Jack L. Hamby

Jack L. Hamby
Acting Field Office Manager

Sept. 6, 2011

Date