

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT**

Emergency Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in portions of Clark County, Nevada

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d) and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that a portion of public lands within the Southern Nevada District impacted by the Cottonwood Fire as described below, are hereby closed to other areas and certain forms of public access, effective July 24, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. In the management of lands to protect the public and assure proper resource conservation and protection, the BLM will continue to temporarily close portions of the public lands impacted by the Cottonwood Fire due to high fire danger and unsafe conditions. The health and safety of staff, fire fighters, and visitors in this recreation area is our number one priority.

Affected Areas:

The public lands affected by the closure within the Southern Nevada District due to the Cottonwood Fire are described as follows:

Temporarily Closed Public Lands:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 22 S., R. 58 E.,

sec. 25, S2NW1/4 and SW1/4.

sec. 26, SE1/4SE1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4, SE1/4E2.

sec. 34, SE1/4SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4 and S2SE1/4.

sec. 36, W2.

T. 23 S., R. 58 E.,

sec. 1, W2.

sec. 2;

sec. 3, NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 and S2.

sec. 9, NE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, E2SW1/4 and SE1/4.

secs. 10 thru 11.

sec. 12, W2NW1/4 and W2SW1/4.

sec. 13, W2.

sec. 24, W2NW1/4 and W2SW1/4.

sec. 25, W2NW1/4NW1/4, W2NW1/4NW1/4, W2NW1/4SW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4SW1/4.

sec. 34, E2, NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 and E2SW1/4SW1/4.

sec. 35, N2, SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4 and W2SE1/4.

T. 24 S., R. 58 E.,

sec. 2, W2NE1/4, NW1/4, SW1/4 and W2SE1/4.

sec. 3, E2, E2NE1/4NW1/4, E2SE1/4SW1/4 and E2SE1/4SW1/4.

sec. 10, NE1/4, E2NE1/4SE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4SE1/4.

sec. 11, W2NE1/4, W2 and W2SE1/4.

sec. 14, W2NE1/4, NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 and NW1/4NW1/4SE1/4.

sec. 15, NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4.

Prohibitions:

1. Motor vehicles must not enter the closure areas.
2. Public access within the closure areas.
3. Public use within the closure areas.

Dates: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such a time conditions allow for safe recreation use within the area impacted by the Cottonwood Fire.

Supplemental Information: Under 43 CFR 9268.3(d), and 43 CFR 8364.1, the following are exempt from the provisions of this order:

- a. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
- b. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
- c. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties;
- d. Additional persons may be allowed, but must carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer, Southern Nevada District.

Addresses: The closure notice and map of the closure area will be posted at various sites within the BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N Torrey Pines Dr, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs and/or physical barriers to notify the public of the closure.

Penalties: On all public lands, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1733(a), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 9262.1, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules, closures or restrictions on public lands of this order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to enhancement fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571 (not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months).

Dated: July 24, 2020

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District Manager