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FIRE AREA CLOSURE ORDER # NMA00000-18-01

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that the public lands in Cibola County within the area of the Bluewater Fire as described below are temporarily closed to all unauthorized entry, effective immediately and remaining in effect until the Bluewater Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded. This closure affects public lands within the Bluewater Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and adjacent public lands, administered by the BLM through the Rio Puerco Field Office of the Albuquerque District Office, and is specific to BLM-managed Lands and routes only please see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity during firefighting activities and initial suppression rehabilitation efforts. The fire is not contained or controlled, and ongoing suppression and restoration activities preclude safe public access. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate signs at main access points.

Area Described:

All lands, trails, and roads within the Bluewater Creek ACEC and adjacent public lands administered by the BLM.

Please see attached map. The Area is further described as:

Township 12N, Range 11W, southwest quarter of section 5, northwest quarter of section 8, all of section 6, and the west half of section 18

Township 12N, Range 12W, all of sections 12 and 13.

Prohibited Acts:

1. Going into or being upon an area described in this order.
2. Being upon the road systems in the area described in this order.
3. Being upon the trail described in the order.

Exempted:

Any federal, state, local and/or military employee acting within the scope of their duties; members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty; and persons, agencies, municipalities or companies with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by an exempted activity.

Penalties:


Pursuant to Title 43 CFR §8364.1

- (a) To protect persons, property, public lands and resources, the authorized officer may issue an order to close or restrict use of designated public lands
- (b) Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order issued under this subpart may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 of this title.

43CFR 8360.0-07 Penalties

Violations of any regulations in this part by a member of the public are subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

Information regarding this closure order may be obtained by calling the Albuquerque District Office at (505)761-8700. Dated this 14 day of April, 2018, at Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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