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Bureau of Land Management
CLOSURE ORDER

Notice is hereby given that effective on this date and pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 the public lands as described below are closed to all forms of entry and public use. This closure affects approximately 31,000 acres of public lands in the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) referred to as the Serpentine Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) and portions of adjacent BLM-administered lands located in southern San Benito County and western Fresno County, California. The lands include portions of Mount Diablo Principal Meridian: Township 17 South, Ranges 11 and 12 East; Township 18 South, Ranges 11, 12 and 13 East, and Township 19 South, Range 13 East.

This closure is necessary to protect public land users from human health risks associated with exposure to airborne asbestos in the CCMA based upon a final report issued by the Environmental Protection Agency that concludes that public use activities could expose an individual to excess lifetime cancer risks. The order will remain in effect while the BLM completes a Resource Management Plan for the CCMA to determine if and how visitor use can occur without associated excess health risks.

The following persons are exempt from the identified restrictions:

1) Federal, State, or local law enforcement officers, while engaged in the execution of their official duties.
2) BLM personnel or their representatives while engaged in the execution of their official duties.
3) Any member of an organized rescue, fire-fighting force, or emergency medical services organization while in the performance of their official duties.
4) Any member of federal, state, or local government agencies while in the performance of an official duty.
5) Any person in receipt of a written authorization of exemption obtained from the authorized officer.

Private landowners within the restricted area and persons with valid existing rights-of-way, mining claims, or leases must request in writing access permission from Hollister Field Manager at the address listed below.

During the closure period the area will be clearly posted. Informational signs will be posted at main entry points to locations affected by this Order. Maps of the closed area will be posted with the Order at key locations that provide access to the closed area, and may also be obtained at the Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023.

Failure to comply with this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months Pursuant to 43 CFR, subpart 8360.0-7.

BLM
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Field Manager, Hollister Field Office

Date: May 1, 2008