



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF Keysville SRMA

MAY 23, 2023

Action: Pursuant to 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 to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below have restricted limits of public access. These restrictions are for public safety due to abnormally high and fluctuating water releases from the Lake Isabella Dam into the lower Kern River.

Affected Area: Certain Public Lands within Keysville Special Recreation Management Area South of Keysville Road and East of Pearl Harbor Drive. This includes: The Beach at Keysville South, Pearl Harbor Low Water Boat Launch, Keysville Beach Road, and Keysville Beach. Keysville SRMA is located in Lake Isabella, Kern County, CA approximately 0.3 miles North on Hwy 155 from Hwy 178.

Prohibitions: Use of Keysville Beach Road, Keysville Beach, and Keysville South Beach is limited to foot traffic and day use only from 0600-2000. No vehicles, or overnight camping is permitted in either area. Pearl Harbor Drive Low Water Boat Launch is closed to all forms of public access. The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the Low Water Boat Launch closure area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

Supplemental Information: The following persons and locations are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized medical, rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
2. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties:
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.
5. Slippery Rock Boat Launch and Granite Launch Boat Launch remain open for rafting/kayaking launch and recovery only.

Penalties: Any person who violates this may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Vehicles found in violation of this order may be removed.

Effective: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

Signed by:

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