



# INYO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

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## **INYO COUNTY TEMPORARILY BANS CAMPFIRES AND OPEN FLAMES IN COUNTY-MANAGED CAMPGROUNDS**

INYO COUNTY, August 20, 2021 – Due to extreme fire danger, limited firefighting resources, and ongoing drought, today the Inyo County Board of Supervisors ordered fire restrictions in County-managed campgrounds until further notice. The County-managed campgrounds affected by this order include: **Pleasant Valley; Baker Creek; Tinnemaha; Taboose; Portuguese Joe; Independence; and, Diaz Lake.** The County fire restrictions do not apply to County campgrounds managed by a concessionaire or to privately-owned campgrounds.

### **ACTS PROHIBITED UNDER THIS ORDER:**

- No campfires: Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, charcoal grill or open flame of any kind is prohibited.
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or camp trailer or while stopped/standing in a designated developed campground with a three-foot diameter area barren or cleared of all flammable materials and away from facility doors, windows and air ducts. Inyo County will identify areas within its campgrounds that are appropriate for smoking under this order.
- No other open flames are allowed in the County campgrounds to which this order applies.

This order is consistent with the fire prohibition ordered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on August 13, and with the expected increased fire prohibition order from the Inyo National Forest.

Portable stoves with gas, jelled petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel are still allowed in the county campgrounds with a valid California campfire permit available free at all BLM, U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire offices, or at [www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/campfire-safety/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/campfire-safety/).

### **PENALTY FOR VIOLATION:**

Persons violating this order will be removed from their campsite pursuant to Inyo County Code 12.16.030

The public is encouraged to stay informed about the current fire situation by visiting the Incident Information System, known as [InciWeb](http://InciWeb).

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