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## **Notice of Lifting of Temporary Emergency Closure: for the Owens Peak Wilderness Area, Indian Wells Canyon area and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail north of Highway 178 through the Wilderness**

**AUTHORITY CITATION:** 43 CFR, 8364.1, Closure and Restriction Orders

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office (BLM) is rescinding its Closure Order that was implemented on July 19, 2010 pursuant to Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 8364.1 (Closure and Restriction Orders). The July 19<sup>th</sup> closure order was issued in response to the Indian Fire that was burning in the Indian Wells Canyon area, Owens Peak Wilderness and across the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

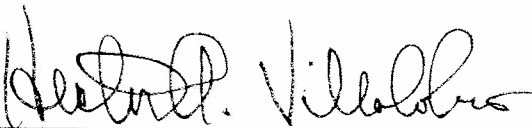
Under this notice the Owens Peak Wilderness Area, Indian Wells Canyon area and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail north of Highway 178 through the Wilderness are open again for visitation by the public.

While the closure is being lifted the public is reminded that traveling off designated routes within the Indian Wells Canyon area is illegal. The Indian Wells Canyon area is classified as limited use lands and the only legal routes of travel within the area are those roads and trails that are designated and marked on the ground with brown numbered post. Additionally surrounding the canyon is the Owens Peak Wilderness where no motorized or mechanized travel is permitted. Please help the natural post fire recovery processes to take place by staying on the designated roads and trails.

**DATES:** This rescission of the original closure order is effective July 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Maps showing the affected area are available for review at the following locations: BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; the Jawbone Visitor Station, 28111 Jawbone Canyon Rd., Cantil, CA 93519.

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