

C.A.R.E.

COORDINATED AGENCY RECOVERY EFFORT

C.A.R.E. is a multi-agency public outreach program to disseminate information about recovery efforts and potential storm impacts following the August/September 2009 California wildfires.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST ROADS CLOSED DUE TO STORM ACTIVITY WILL RE-OPEN TO TRAFFIC

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has announced the re-opening of Angeles Forest Hwy from Aliso Canyon Road to Angeles Crest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road from the Los Angeles City Line to Angeles Forest Highway, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road from Angeles Forest Highway to Angeles Crest Highway to traffic.

The roads will reopen, Today, December 23, 2010, by 4:00pm.

Although Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has allowed the reopening of these roads, drivers should anticipate intermittent delays as Public Works completes the cleanup work.. This cleanup work may take as long as the next month to complete. It is also important to note that Angeles Forest Highway, south of Big Tujunga Canyon Road leads to a dead-end at Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2). SR-2 is closed from the Angeles National Forest Boundary north of La Cañada Flintridge to Mt. Wilson Road due to ongoing repair work. Motorist can access Mt. Wilson, Newcomb's Ranch, and Mt. Waterman via Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road and SR-2. SR-2 is open from Mt. Wilson Rd to Islip Saddle at the junction of SR-2 and SR-39.

Drivers and residents who live on private property in the forest are also advised that due to the possibility of storm season debris flows, the roads will again be closed to all traffic when moderate to heavy rainfall is predicted or is falling in the area. The roads will remain closed until the storm threat has passed and Public Works road crews have completed safety inspections and necessary repairs.

While the roads have been re-opened, the Angeles National Forest itself remains closed to the public. Parking along forest roads is not permitted and parked vehicles will be subject to citation and towing.

For updates on these and other road closures and openings, motorists can visit the Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort (C.A.R.E.) website at www.dpwcare.org.

For updates on Angeles Crest Highway, call Caltrans at (213) 897-3656, or visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist07.

Residents, business owners including persons with access and functional needs may also call **2-1-1** for LA County information and referral services regarding post disaster resources that are available to those affected by the floods and debris and mud flow. The toll-free **2-1-1** number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. *211 LA County Services* can also be accessed by visiting www.211la.org.

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