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UPDATE ON MORRIS AND STATION FIRES

(Shelters, Evacuations and Road Closures)

LOS ANGELES (Mon., Aug. 31, 2009 – 6 p.m.) – There are two active wildfires taking place in various parts of Los Angeles County. The first is the Morris Fire, which began on Tue., Aug. 25. This fire has burned approximately 2,168 acres in the Angeles National Forest of Los Angeles County. The Morris Fire is 95 percent contained. There have been no confirmed structures destroyed at this time. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Drinking Water Program in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service are advising residents/employees of the following areas (listed below) to use boil tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution upon the lifting of the evacuation order and return to the residency.

- Rincon Station B-10
- USFS East Fork Station
- Cogswell Dam
- Camp Bon Accord
- Fire Camp 19
- San Gabriel Dam
- Camp Williams
- River Community

The second is the Station Fire which started off of Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station around 3:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 26. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 105,296 acres and is 5 percent contained as of 5 p.m., Mon., Aug. 31. Approximately 10,000 residences are threatened at this time (500 commercial structures and 2000 out buildings as well). Over 2,575 personnel are working the fire. 53 structures including residences and recreational cabins have been confirmed as destroyed. The Station Fire continues to burn within the Angeles National Forest and near surrounding foothill communities of La Canada-Flintridge, La Crescenta, Acton, Soledad Canyon, Pasadena, Juniper Hills, Mt. Wilson and Sunland-Tujunga.

Two Los Angeles County firefighters were killed Sun., Aug. 30, as they were fighting the Station Fire.

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"Our hearts are heavy as we are tragically reminded of the sacrifices our firefighters and their families make daily to keep us safe," Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a statement.

Five injuries have been reported. Fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if you are near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proclaimed a local emergency for Los Angeles County. Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka of Los Angeles County has proclaimed a local emergency due to the wildfires and La Canada Flintridge has also proclaimed a local emergency.

MANDATORY EVACUATIONS:

Acton-Palmdale:

--All residences south of Soledad Canyon Road from Highway 14 to Crown Valley Road are under a mandatory evacuation.

--All residences in Alison Canyon Road from Angeles Forest Highway to Soledad Canyon Road are under a mandatory evacuation.

National Forest:

--All residences in the Little Rock Recreation Area and Mount Emma Rd. from Cheseboro Rd. to Angeles Forest Hwy. are under mandatory evacuation.

--There is a mandatory evacuation in the area along Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. from Mount Gleason to Angeles Forest Highway.

--There is a mandatory evacuation along Little Tujunga Canyon Rd. north of the Little Tujunga Ranger Station and Gold Creek.

La Cañada Flintridge:

--There has been a mandatory evacuation of all streets east of Ocean View Boulevard and north of Los Amigos Street. In addition all streets north of Jessen Drive and Palm Drive have been evacuated as well.

--There has been a mandatory evacuation of all streets located west of Briggs Avenue and east of Pennsylvania Avenue, in between Harmony Place and the foothills.

--There has been a mandatory evacuation of all streets north of Rockdell St. between Briggs Ave. and Pine Glenn Road.

Altadena:

--There has been a mandatory evacuation of all streets north of Loma Alta Drive, and east of Fair Oaks Ave.

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Glendale:

-- The emergency evacuation order for neighborhoods north of Santa Carlotta between Lowell and Pennsylvania Avenues has been lifted.

American Red Cross Shelters:

- **Golden Valley High School**
(27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy - Santa Clarita, 91350)
- **Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center**
(2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale 93550)
- **La Canada High School**
(4463 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada Flintridge, 91011-3797)
- **La Crescenta Valley High School**
(2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta, 91214)
- **Verdugo Hills High School**
(10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

Pet Evacuation Centers (Large and Small Animals)

- **Pierce College**
39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)
- **Hansen Dam**-(Big animals)
- **La Canada High School**
4463 Oak Grove, La Canada (small animals)
- **Pasadena Humane Society**
361 S. Raymond, Pasadena
- **Loma Alta County Park**
at Lincoln and Loma Alta, Altadena
- **Humane Society**
401 N. Verdugo, Glendale
- **East Valley Shelter**
(For Tujunga Residents) 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405 - 888-4LAPET1
or 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter**
(For Altadena Residents) 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park 626-962-3577

Information Lines for Residents:

- LA County.gov – Emergency Alerts
- LA County 211
- L.A. County Department of Mental Health ACCESS Center 1-800 854-7771
- American Red Cross-(888) 737-4306

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- For residents who may have to evacuate-please check out the Los Angeles County Fire web-site at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov> and click on: "Ready! Set! Go!"
- In the event of an evacuation recommended by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, residents are urged to register their telephone and cellular numbers at Alert LA County <http://portal@lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla>

Road Closures:

- ALL 3 AXLES OR GREATER COMBINATIONS ARE PROHIBITED ON STATE ROUTE 2, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, (Angeles Crest Highway) between Interstate 210 (in City of La Canada) and Angeles Forest Highway (Angeles National Forest).
- Angeles Crest Highway
- Tujunga Canyon Road
- Big Tujunga Canyon Roads;
- Highway 14 - off and on ramps that have been closed are: Soledad Canyon in Canyon Country, Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Escondido Canyon, Red Rover Mine Road and Crown Valley Road.

For more information on road closures access the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website at <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>.

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