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SHEEP FIRE UPDATE

(Fire threatening L.A. County's Wrightwood area...Road Closures, Evacuation and Animal Shelters)

LOS ANGELES (Sun., Oct. 4, 2009 – 2 p.m.) – The Sheep Fire, a brush fire that erupted in the Lytle Creek area east of Mt. Baldy and west of the Cajon Pass at approximately 2 p.m. on Sat. has destroyed three residences, threatened hundreds more, burned more than 3,500 acres and is 10 percent contained.

Presently, the Sheep Fire is traveling northwest and is 1.5 miles east of the community of Wrightwood, which parts of the area is located in Los Angeles County.

As of 9:30 a.m., the entire community of Wrightwood is under a mandatory evacuation. The following is a list of road closures and mandatory evacuation areas:

Road Closures:

- Highway 138 from Interstate 15 to Highway 2
- Highway 138 from Interstate 15 to Hess Rd.
- Lone Pine Canyon Rd.
- Lytle Creek Rd.

Mandatory Evacuations:

- Lone Pine Canyon Rd.
- Swarthout Canyon Rd.
- E. Lytle Creek Canyon Rd. to N. Mountain Lakes RV Park
- Community of Applewhite
- Applewhite Camp Grounds

The fire is being attacked with water-dropping aircrafts, engines and strike teams. In support of the fire fighting efforts, Los Angeles County Fire Department has dispatched a Type 3 and Type 1 Strike Teams and three Firehawk helicopters. A unified command has been established with U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and San Bernardino County Fire.

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Evacuation Centers:

- Eisenhower Senior High School
1321 N. Lilac Ave., Rialto 92376
- San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
14800 Seventh St., Victorville 92395

Pet Evacuation Centers Open (Small Animals):

- San Bernardino County Animal Shelter
19777 Shelterway, Devore 92407

Pet Evacuation Centers (Large Animals):

- San Manuel Amphitheatre (formerly known as Glen Helen Pavilion)
2575 Glen Helen Parkway, San Bernardino 92407

Information on Los Angeles County Services:

- LA County.gov – Emergency Alerts and LA County 211
- Los Angeles Sheriff's Department www.lasd.org
- Los Angeles County Fire Department www.fire.lacounty.gov

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