



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE **Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) Closure Reduced**

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will open the Angeles Crest Highway from the Angeles Forest Highway (a county road) to Islip Saddle (the junction between SR-2 and SR-39) at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11. SR-2 from La Cañada Flintridge to Angeles Forest Highway will remain closed to public access.

Rain saturated hillsides have caused rockslides two miles east of La Cañada Flintridge along the highway, further delaying the opening. A Caltrans damage assessment team estimated that highway could open next month.

Crews will attempt to remove the loose rocks and debris from the hillside to reduce the threat of rockslides.

Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the Angeles National Forest would like to remind the public that SR-2 and the burn area of the forest is closed to the public. Unpermitted access into the construction area could result in fines and possible arrest by law enforcement.

Motorist can access Mt. Wilson, Newcomb's Ranch, and Mt. Waterman via Angeles Forest Highway, Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road and SR-2. For more information about county roads, please contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 626-458-5100 or visit www.ladpw.org.

Media seeking access to the closure should contact Caltrans Media and Public Affairs at 213-897-3656.

Burns Pacific Construction, Inc. of Thousand Oaks, Calif. is the contractor on this \$16.5 million emergency project.

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