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Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) Remains Closed

LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that SR-2 from La Canada-Flintridge to Mount Wilson Road will remain closed to the public due to severe damage resulting from heavy rains. This section of highway is expected to reopen by mid-Summer.

As repair work continues on the highway at lower elevations, the highway is open at higher elevations from Mount Wilson Road to Highway 39 (Islip Saddle).

Several county roads leading to SR-2 have opened to the public. Those seeking access to SR-2 via county roads should contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 626-458-5100 or visit: www.ladpw.org.

Heavy rains during mid-January caused several landslides and road washouts along SR-2 in the Angeles National Forest. Portions of the asphalt along with the fill under the road washed away leaving large gaps in the roadway. A Caltrans damage assessment team determined that the most significant road washouts range between 50 to 110 feet along the highway and about 200 feet below it at some locations, making the highway unsafe and impassable.

Burns Pacific Construction, Inc. of Thousand Oaks, California is the contractor on this emergency project.

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