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## **Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) Closed for Repairs**

**LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that SR-2 from La Canada-Flintridge to Islip Saddle (junction with Highway 39) will remain closed to the public due to severe damage produced by the lack of vegetation on the slopes due to the Station Fire last September and the recent heavy rains. The highway is expected to reopen by late March.

The heavy rains during mid-January caused several mudslides and road washouts along SR-2 in the Angeles National Forest. A Caltrans damage assessment team has 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.

“Caltrans contractors will work to return the highway to a safe condition,” said Deputy District Director of Maintenance Dan Freeman. “Unfortunately, it is very likely that mudslide and debris flows could persist in the Station Fire burn area.”

No access will be granted to SR-2 via La Canada Flintridge. County roads leading to SR-2 may have restricted access, therefore contractors or maintenance crews that need access facilities on Mt. Wilson Road via SR-2 and those seeking county road information should contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 626-458-5100.

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