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Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) Remains Closed for Repairs

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 last September's Station Fire as well as recent heavy rains. The highway is expected to reopen by late March.

SR-2 from Mount Wilson Road to Upper Big Tujunga is accessible to emergency vehicles, repair crews, and communications contractors only. County roads leading to SR-2 may have restricted access. Those seeking access to SR-2 via county roads should contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 626-458-5100.

The heavy rains during mid-January caused several mudslides and road washouts along SR-2 in the Angeles National Forest. Heavy rains caused portions of the asphalt along with the fill under the road to wash away leaving large gaps in the roadway. 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.

Pictures attached.

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