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Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) Repair Work Continues

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 fall 2010.

At several locations along the highway, the asphalt, the soil under the roadway, and the drainage systems washed away leaving large gaps. Currently, construction crews are reinforcing the soil and building support structures under the highway to rebuild the road, and reinstalling drainage systems. (Pictures attached).

According to the Caltrans damage assessment team there are 25 sites along the highway with varying degrees of damage. Some gaps are as large as 100 feet long and 200 feet deep.

“The damaged sites along the highway present a difficult challenge to repair due to severe terrain,” said Dan Freeman, deputy director of maintenance for District 7. “Each site requires a unique solution. We are hopeful that construction crews can finish the work sooner than later.”

As repair work continues on the highway at lower elevations, the highway is open at higher elevations from Mount Wilson Road to State Route 138 (near Wrightwood). Closures at the intersection between SR-2 and the Angeles Forest Highway (N3) will remain in place.

Heavy rains during mid-January caused several landslides and road washouts along SR-2 in the Angeles National Forest.

County roads (Angeles Forest Highway, Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Upper Big Tujunga, etc.) leading to SR-2 are open to the public, but are construction zones, so drivers should expect delays. In addition, Angeles Forest Highway is gated at its intersection with SR-2 (Angeles Crest Highway) due to the Caltrans closure of SR-2 in that vicinity. Those seeking further information about county roads should contact the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at 626-458-5100 or visit: www.ladpw.org.



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Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), and the Angeles National Forest would like to remind the public that SR-2 is closed to the general public from La Canada Flintridge to Mount Wilson Road and that entering into the construction area could result in fines and possible arrest by law enforcement.

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

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