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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 mid to late Summer 2010.

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).

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.

Currently, repair crews are compacting the soil, reinstalling drainage culverts below the highway, and reconstructing the roadway.

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.

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

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