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Updated Media Advisory -----Time Change!

Caltrans to Use Controlled Blasts on Devils Slide

What: Caltrans will use explosives to dislodge rocks and boulders from the mountain above Highway 1 at Devils Slide. The road at Devils Slide has been closed since April 2 due to subsidence below the road.

Rocks and boulders tumbling down from San Pedro Mountain have made the roadway inaccessible for work crews at Devil Slide. By using controlled blasts, rock formations that may pose a safety problem will be blasted loose. Much of the rock will fall onto the roadway. Other rocks and boulders loosened by the blast will be dislodged by work crews later that day and throughout the week. Front-end loaders will clear the rocks from the road and they will be hauled to a dump site.

When: Tomorrow, April 18, 2006. Controlled blasting occurs near mid-morning. Mandatory safety training for camerapersons and photographers begins at **9:00 a.m.***

Where: Arrive at the Caltrans trailers, 585 Linda Mar Boulevard (across from Safeway).

***Special Conditions:**

The site from which the controlled blasting can be viewed is very small and therefore Caltrans can only accommodate one pool camera from the televised media and one pool camera from the print media. The media will be responsible for determining who those participants will be.

Caltrans spokespersons will be available before and after the controlled blasting for comment.

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