The once thriving Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog is now nearly extinct. To protect the frog, the PCT has been closed for several years from Eagles Roost (mile 390.3) to the Burkhart trail junction (mile 394). In 2011 the PCTA created a new official detour that avoids any highway road walking. For more information about the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog see: www.mylfrog.info

This 20.5 mile detour bypasses 7.8 miles of the PCT to protect the endangered Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog. This scenic detour is not up to normal PCT standards, especially the first 5.3 miles from Islip Saddle to the South Fork Campground. Parts of the first 5.3 miles have moderate exposure and a trail that sometimes crosses steep eroding hillsides with difficult footing. Equestrians should NOT use the South Fork Trail.

Three trails intersect at Islip Saddle-The southbound PCT (back to Wrightwood). The northbound PCT, which is closed 4.1 miles ahead at Eagles Roost (mile 390.3) to protect the endangered Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog. The southbound PCT is the trail nearest the outhouse that goes uphill. A Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness boundary sign is 50 yards N on the PCT. PCT signs were removed from the northbound PCT in 2011. The South Fork Trail, which is the 20.5 mile official PCT detour. This trail goes downhill to the South Fork Campground. The South Fork Trail was signed as the PCT in 2011.

Mile 0 - Hwy2C - Islip Saddle, 3rd crossing of Hwy 2, outhouse, trash can, paved trailhead parking, start of the official endangered species detour [PCT mile 386.2] - 6673 ft
Mile 1.1 - ReedSpg - Seasonal Reed Spring - 6108 ft
Mile 5.0 - BigRockCk - Cross South Fork of Big Rock Creek - 4579 ft
Mile 5.3 - SouthForkCG - Continue through the South Fork Campground, outhouse, water from creek - 4545 ft
Mile 5.4 - PunchbowlTr - Turn left at Punchbowl Trail junction, also known as the High Desert Trail - 4522 ft
Mile 5.5 - BigRockCk2 - Crossing of the South Fork of Big Rock Creek a 2nd time - 4527 ft
Mile 7.7 - HolcombCynCk - Cross Holcomb Canyon Creek, campsite - 4521 ft
Mile 8.2 - DevilsChairTr - Pass the Devils Chair trail junction - 4975 ft
Mile 10.5 - PunchbowlCk - Cross Punchbowl Canyon Creek - 5236 ft
Mile 10.8 - PunchbowlPrkTr - Pass trail junction to Devils Punchbowl County Park - 5272 ft
PunchbowlPark - Devils Punchbowl County Park with water fountain, out house, trash can, but no camping, park closes at sunset. 9/10 mile NE of detour mile 10.8

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Mile 13.6 - CruthersCreek - Cross Cruthers Creek - 4641 ft

Mile 17.3 - BurkhartSaddle - Burkhart Saddle - 6970 ft

Mile 19 - LittleRockStrib - Cross a tributary of Little Rock Creek - 6014 ft

Mile 20.5 - BurkhartTr - Rejoin the PCT at the Burkhart Trail/PCT junction [PCT mile 394], water, campsite nearby - 5627 ft