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RE: Administrative closure of roads and the PCT within the Powerhouse Fire area

Angeles National Forest Order No. 01-14-07, the Powerhouse Fire Closure, expired yesterday, 22 October 2015. In the past week, I have joined employees of the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District in assessing the condition of roads within the Powerhouse Fire Closure area, particularly in light of last weekend's 1000-year rain storm event and the subsequent landslides and mudslides that occurred. Based on this survey, I have decided that the following roads in the area need to remain administratively closed to vehicular traffic in order to provide for public safety:

6N24 between San Francisquito Canyon Road (to the east) and Lake Hughes Canyon Road (to the west). Gates will remain closed on both ends.

7N01 between 6N24 (to the south) and 7N05 (to the north). The closure on 6N24 will make this road inaccessible from the south; a sign will be posted at the north end indicating that it is closed.

7N01 between San Francisquito Canyon Road (to the east) and 6N04 (to the west). This road was temporarily closed as a result of last weekend's storm and is still not safe for public passage. Pending any additional precipitation in the near future, we will re-assess its condition in another week.

7N02 between 7N01 (to the south) and Elizabeth Lake Road (to the north). This road has been closed by gates at both ends for a long time (preceding the Powerhouse Fire) due to unsafe conditions.

7N08 between Lake Hughes Canyon Road (to the east) and 7N23 (to the west). This road will continue to be closed at both ends by gates.

In addition, the **Pacific Crest Trail between San Francisquito Canyon Road (to the east) and the center line of the southeast half of Section 19, Township 7 North, Range 15 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian** will remain closed to foot traffic until its condition can be assessed and repaired.

The **Cottonwood Campground** remains closed until such time as needed repairs and sediment removal can occur.

The following roads that were closed have been deemed safe for travel and are now re-opened:



6N04 - the gate at the intersection with 7N01 at the north end will be opened

6N05 for its entire length

7N01 between 7N02 (to the east) and 7N05 (to the west)

7N02 between San Francisquito Road (to the south) and 7N01 (to the north)

7N05 between 7N01 (to the south) and Elizabeth Lake Road (to the north)

As of today, all areas within the Powerhouse Fire Closure except the PCT as noted above are open to foot traffic.

LE and Prevention patrols - please patrol these areas as you are able and request that members of the public you find on or entering administratively closed roads leave them immediately.

These closures will end when muddy conditions from last week's storm have dried up enough to make vehicle traffic safe again (7N01) and/or when the Forest is able to repair those stretches that are presently unsafe.

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