CORRECTION UPDATE #5
STORM RELATED ROAD CLOSURES IN DISTRICT 8
INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 is alerting the traveling public that several road closures are in affect due to the storm on February 14.

THE MOTORING PUBLIC, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ARE ADVISED TO CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS BEFORE THEY GO. USE CALTRANS QUICKMAP AT http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/.

Below is a list of the current road closures:

- SR 243 from I-10 to Idyllwild will remain under a long-term closure until further notice (road loss).
- SR 74 from Valle Vista (Hemet) to Mountain Center will remain closed until further notice (road loss).
- SR 74 (Palms to Pines Highway, low desert, Anza) from Lake Hemet to Mountain Center and Idyllwild is open to RESIDENTS ONLY.
- SR 18 is closed from Green Valley Lake to Big Bear Dam until further notice (road loss).
- SR 38 is closed to Big Bear until later this evening once storm work is completed. Big Bear is also accessible via SR 18 from the High Desert (or Lucerne) to all traffic. Residents are being permitted on SR 38 at this time. Ski resorts in Big Bear are open for business. FOLLOW CALTRANS ON TWITTER @ CALTRANS8 FOR SR 38 REOPENING TONIGHT!
- SR 111 is closed from Overture Drive to Tramway Drive south of I-10 until further notice. Palm Springs is NOT accessible from Indian Canyon, which is also closed due to storm damage. Use alternate routes.
- SR 173 from SR 138 to Twin Ranch Road (flooding).
- SR 79 from south of Sage to Dripping Springs in Aguanga is under a flagging operation and subject to closure due to a sinkhole.
- SR 2 closure has been extended to Inspiration Point on the Wrightwood side and is closed to Islip Saddle – there is still no access from LA County (snow conditions). Mountain High Ski Resort remains open for business.

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Caltrans has three emergency contracts in place as follows:

- SR 74 and 243 for $8 million to make repairs to storm damage and road loss. Ames Construction is the contractor is mobilizing tomorrow to begin work.
- SR 111 for $3.5 million. Contractor expected to mobilize this weekend.
- SR 18 (SBd Mountains) for $2.5 million. Contractor expected to mobilize this weekend.

Snow Valley Ski Resort and Rim Nordic will remain closed until further notice.

Caltrans Geologists and engineers have been investigating road damages at various locations throughout District 8 since yesterday and will continue those investigations over the weekend and holiday on Monday. Be advised that damage to state highways may be undetermined and could occur at any time resulting in closures.

Caltrans advises the public not to pass any road closed signs and obey all commands from CHP, Caltrans and contractor crews for public safety. Turn Around Don't Drown when roadways are flooded or impassible.

If you are traveling to mountain areas this weekend – BRING CHAINS – chain control will be in effect during storm activity. You will not be permitted during chain control without chains. PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK ROADWAYS FOR SNOW PLAY OR CHAIN INSTALLATION! STASH YOUR TRASH (PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT) AND DO NOT TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Any new information will be released once available. Motorists are reminded to use caution, slow for weather conditions and use headlights while driving. Motorists should anticipate delays and longer travel time. Stock vehicles with water, snacks, blankets, a charged cell phone, flashlight and a full tank of gas before going to mountain regions. Use Caltrans’ “Quick Map” for current road conditions and chain requirements at http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov.

Riverside County Emergency Management
https://www.rivcoready.org/Have-a-Plan/Flooding/Storm-Ready

San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services
https://www.sbcfire.org/Programs/ReadySetGoFlood.aspx.

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