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## UPDATE

### STATE ROUTE 74 WILL REOPEN WITH LIMITED ACCESS

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce that State Route 74 (SR-74) from Hemet to Mountain Center will be REOPENING with limited access beginning Easter Weekend. Escort access on SR 74 from Hemet to Mountain Center will take place on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight). During these hours, traffic will be escorted by pilot vehicles in both directions.

Beginning Monday, April 22, motorists will be granted access with pilot vehicles, which will take place seven (7) days a week from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily, including weekends. This schedule will continue until additional work is completed which will allow full access to SR 74 with flagging until the project is completed.

Motorists must adhere to the follow conditions for the escort process as follows:

- Down bound motorists (coming from Mountain Center) on SR 74 for the 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. escort must be in line by 7:45 a.m. or they will not be permitted in the escort process.
- The speed limit will be 25 miles per hour during the escort.
- Motorists will not be permitted to stop or pull over during the escort.
- Motorists will not be permitted to pass other vehicles during the escort.
- The construction zone on SR 74 between Mountain Center and Borco will be a “DOUBLE FINE ZONE”.
- **Sections of SR 74 will have uneven, unpaved roadbed with narrow passage. Be advised that dirt, sand, rock and mud will exist on the SR 74. Low profile vehicles are not recommended.**
- No drone, video or photos will be permitted while you are using the escorts.
- Motorists must follow all commands given by the pilot workers, contractor employees, flaggers, Caltrans crews and the California Highway Patrol (CHP).
- The escorts can be canceled at any time due to safety concerns for the traveling public such as slope issues, rock fall, roadbed concerns and motorists not following traffic laws or escort provisions.

**Travelers will experience delays during the escorts.** Ames Construction, Caltrans and the CHP are committed to keeping the public safe while traveling on SR-74. The contractor will continue to work 24/7 on SR-74 to continue to expedite repairs in preparation for full access. SR 243 is open to motorists from Idyllwild to Lake Fulmor. SR 243 remains closed from Banning to Idyllwild until further notice to the public. For more information on the detours and events in Idyllwild please go to <https://www.loveidyllwild.com/>. Updates will be provided weekly by Caltrans on the progress of the emergency work. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook @caltrans8. Sign up for alerts at <http://sv08data.dot.ca.gov/memos/memos.php?f=subscribe>.

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