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## **UPDATE 2: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ESCORTS ON STATE ROUTE 74**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is pleased to announce that State Route 74 (SR-74) from Hemet to Mountain Center will provide extended escorts during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27.

*The extended escort hours on SR-74 from Hemet to Mountain Center will take place from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight). During these hours, traffic will be escorted by pilot vehicles in both directions. On Tuesday, May 28 escort times will resume as normal, mornings from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and evenings from 6 p.m. to midnight.*

**The California Highway Patrol (CHP), Caltrans engineers and Ames Construction workers will be on site to keep motorists and workers safe. Below are the conditions for the escort:**

- The speed limit is **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. SR 243 remains open to motorists from Idyllwild to Lake Fulmor, however it is still closed from Banning to Idyllwild until further notice to the public. 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>. To enjoy your holiday weekend in Idyllwild and surrounding communities, please go to <https://www.touridyllwild.com/> and <http://lakehemetrecreation.com/>.



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