



# NEWS RELEASE

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY --A SCENIC WAY TO TRAVEL Closed since 2004 for repairs, a portion of State Route 2 opens to the public**

**WHO:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Confirmed speakers: Doug Failing, Caltrans District 7 Director (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties) and Brad Mitzelfelt, Supervisor, District 1, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors; and Captain Gregory Peck, California Highway Patrol, Southern Division.

**WHAT:** Opening Event for the Angeles Crest Highway (State Route 2), near Wrightwood.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) at Vincent Gap Vista Point, in the Angeles National Forest, approximately 12 miles west of Wrightwood, CA. Please plan for 1-1/2 hours to 2 hours for travel time in each direction. Parking lot available directly across from event site.

**BACKGROUND:** This \$10.5 million project on SR-2 constructed a bridge approximately 10 miles west of Wrightwood, as well as roadway repairs, and safety improvements. Severe winter weather conditions in 2004/05 caused extensive damage at 17 sites along a 10-mile section of this route. Additional damage occurred in spring, 2006 required the construction of a bridge designed to allow rocks and run-off water to flow beneath it. This scenic route provides a direct connection to and from Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties for motorists, sports enthusiasts and emergency responders.

**PHOTO OP:** Ribbon-cutting site overlooks a breathtaking view of the Forest.

**DIRECTIONS: From Los Angeles County:**

- Northbound Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2) to Vincent Gap Vista Point.
- Eastbound San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) or eastbound Foothill Freeway (I-210) to northbound Ontario Freeway (I-15) to westbound Pearblossom Highway (SR-138) to southbound Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2). Arrive at Vincent Gap Vista Point.

**From Santa Clarita or San Fernando Valley:**

- Northbound Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) to eastbound Pearblossom Highway (County road). Continue on eastbound Pearblossom Highway (SR-138) to southbound Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2). Arrive at Vincent Gap Vista Point.

**From San Bernardino County:**

- Northbound Mojave Freeway (I-15) to westbound State Route 138 west to southbound Angeles Crest Highway (SR-2). Arrive at Vincent Gap Vista Point.