



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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**Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 2013  
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**WHAT:** “MOUNTAIN FIRE” INCIDENT UPDATE

**WHERE:** STATE ROUTE 243/74

A wildfire began yesterday afternoon, July 15, near State Route 243 and 74 in Riverside County. The fire has grown overnight to over 8,000 acres and is a little over 10% contained.

SR 243 remains closed between Saunders Meadow Road and the junction of Highway 74. There are mandatory Evacuations for the Living Free Animal Sanctuary, The Fleming Ranch, Bonita Vista Community (20 homes), and the Zen Mountain Center.

**Motorists are advised to avoid using SR 243 and also SR 74 from Cranston Station to Palm Desert to allow access to emergency equipment.**

Per the United States Forest Service (USFS) there is a mandatory evacuation order in place for Andreas Canyon Club, 24 homes south of Palm Canyon Drive.

## **Evacuation Centers:**

Hemet High School, 41701 E. Stetson Ave, Hemet

Hamilton High School, 57430 Mitchell Road, Anza - can accept small animals

Large and Small Animals can be taken to Lake Hemet Campground in Garner Valley

Small animals can be brought to the San Jacinto Animal Shelter, 581 S. Grand Ave, San Jacinto

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