



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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State Route 243 Emergency Work Schedule

Caltrans, in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol, Cal-Fire and the US Forest Service, reopened State Route (SR 243) to traffic on Friday, August 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

Caltrans awarded a \$1.2 million Emergency Director's Order to Griffith Construction Company last week as a result of the recent Silver Fire, which damaged portions of SR 243 between Interstate 10 near Banning and the Twin Pines community north of Idyllwild.

Griffith Company and the specialized sub-contractors worked expeditiously to repair the damaged guardrail so that the route could be opened safely to the motoring public last Friday, however it is expected that the additional repairs to restore the route will approximately eight weeks or more.

Beginning today, the contractor will work Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. under flagging with traffic control by pilot car. One lane will be available at a time under these conditions so expect some delays. If possible, schedule your commute to avoid the work hours or use alternate routes.

Caltrans again would like to extend a special thank you to the residents of the communities who were affected by the Silver Fire for their patience during the closure of SR 243. We would also like to thank the motoring public for their understanding and safe driving habits during the upcoming repair period.

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