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CALTRANS LIGHTS UP THE WAY IN THE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans is in the process of installing nine new “daylight headlight section” signs at various locations on State Route 18 (SR 18) from State Route 138 (Crestline Cutoff) to State Route 38 (Big Bear Dam).

Caltrans worked in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to implement the new signs, which will enhance safety for mountain drivers who use the two-lane, two-way rural route. Motorists will benefit from increased detection and conspicuity of oncoming vehicles with headlights on during the day.

In response to the new regulatory signs being placed on SR 18, motorists are now required to activate vehicle headlights on SR 18 from SR 138 to the Big Bear Dam. The CHP will have a grace (adjustment) period while the remaining signs are being installed.

Also, starting November 1, 2012, the California Highway Patrol will begin a conditioning period for thirty days to educate motorists of the new headlight requirements on SR 18. The purpose for the conditioning period is to make mountain residents and motorists traveling through the mountain communities aware of the new signs. Accordingly, this conditioning period will give ample amount of time to adjust and develop habits of turning on the headlights while traveling in the headlight corridor of SR 18.

To keep apprised of road information throughout the state checkout Caltrans Quick Map at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

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