



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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## **CALTRANS ALERTS THE PUBLIC TO POSSIBLE CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**San Bernardino** – With impending severe weather and the potential for mudslides and falling rocks, Caltrans advises motorists that SR-18 may close from Snow Valley to Big Bear Dam for the safety of motorists. Other state highways are subject to closure throughout the Inland Empire due to the expected inclement weather. Snow Valley will remain accessible via SR-18. For access to Big Bear, please use SR-38 by exiting at Orange Street from I-10, go east to Lugonia St. and turn right. Lugonia turns into SR-38.

Caltrans will alert the public as road conditions change. Caltrans crews will be available to work around the clock on all mountain routes. Everyone is urged to stay tuned to radio and television traffic alerts. For changes to road conditions check the Caltrans website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) and click on “News and Documents”. You may also sign up for email alerts under “CT Connect”.

A strong storm approaching from the northwest could bring showers as early as Thursday evening, periods of moderate to heavy rain on Friday and strong gusty southwest winds in the mountains on Friday.

Motorists are reminded to be alert to signs and message boards that warn that workers, slow moving equipment, and lane closures are ahead. Merge when safe and reduce your speed. Be prepared to slow down or stop for highway workers and equipment. Obey special signs or instructions from road workers, CHP and chain installers.

Always ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE***. A new law comes into effect on January 1, 2008. Drivers will be required to move over and slow down when approaching a roadside emergency along a state highway or freeway. This law is designed to reduce deaths of law enforcement and emergency personnel who are aiding stranded motorists. Use caution if lane changes are required. Remember certain roads are designated as Safety Enhanced-Double Fine Zones. Fines are doubled in these areas and also in highway construction or maintenance zones when workers are present (VC 42010).

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