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## PRESS RELEASE

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### UPDATE ON MORRIS AND STATION FIRES

*(Shelters, Evacuations and Road Closures)*

**LOS ANGELES (Sun., Aug. 30, 2009 – 8 p.m.)** – There are two active wildfires taking place in various parts of Los Angeles County. The first is the Morris Fire, which began on Tue., Aug. 25. This fire has burned 2,195 acres in the Angeles National Forest above Azusa and Glendora areas. The Morris Fire is 95 percent contained. There have been no confirmed structures destroyed at this time. Due to the ongoing Morris Fire, power outages and voluntary evacuation order near the Morris Dam in the Angeles National Forest which began Aug. 25, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Drinking Water Program in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service are advising residents/employees of the following areas (listed below) to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution upon the lifting of the evacuation order and return to the residency.

- Rincon Station B-10
- USFS East fork Station
- Cogswell Dam
- Camp Bon Accord
- Fire Camp 19
- San Gabriel Dam
- Camp Williams
- River Community

The second is the Station Fire which started off of Angeles Crest Highway (SR 2) about one mile above Angeles Crest Fire Station around 3:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 26. Los Angeles County Fire reported that this fire has burned 42,500 acres and is 5 percent contained as of 8 p.m., Sun., Aug. 30. Approximately 10,000 homes are threatened at this time (500 commercial structures and 2000 out buildings as well). Over 1,800 personnel are working the fire. 18 residences have been destroyed. The fire has been very active. Angeles Crest Highway, Tujunga Canyon and Big Tujunga Canyon roads are closed.

As a result of extreme fire activity, and to protect public health and safety, Angeles National Forest officials have implemented an area closure for lands in the vicinity of the fire. This closure is in effect until further notice.

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One leg of the fire is moving in a north-westerly direction towards the mountains, the other leg of the fire is near La Canada-Flintridge and the Altadena area.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich participated in a tour of the area and gave a media briefing at the Station Fire Incident Command Post located at Hansen Dam in Lake View Terrace at approximately 10 a.m., Sun., Aug. 30.

Three injuries have been reported. Fire personnel are urging residents in the area to be ready to evacuate if you are near the fire boundary. Do not hesitate to move to a designated evacuation center.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proclaimed a local emergency for Los Angeles County. Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka of Los Angeles County has proclaimed a local emergency due to the wildfires and La Canada Flintridge has also proclaimed a local emergency.

### **EVACUATIONS:**

**Acton:** (This is new information) All residents to the south of Soledad Canyon Road from Highway 14 to Crown Valley Road and all residences in Aliso Canyon Road from Acton to the Angeles Forest Highway have been evacuated.

### **In La Canada Flintridge:**

- Starlight Drive north to Green Ridge Court, including Forest Green Drive.
- Big Briar Way at Haskel.
- Donna Maria Lane, Indian Drive, Hacienda Drive, Alta Canada Road north of Linda Vista, La Canada Boulevard north of El Vago Street.
- Meadows Tract, Canyon Ridge to Aralia Road, north of Loma Alta.
- Big Tujunga Canyon between county Camp 15 and the Ranger Station as well as Camp Colby
- Ocean Boulevard north of Fairhurst Drive.
- Little Tujunga from Gold Creek to Osborn.
- Briggs Avenue to north of Shield Street between Goss Canyon and Canyon Side Road including Arroyo Drive and connecting streets.
- All camps on upper Big Tujunga Road from the Ranger Station at East Angeles Crest Highway north to Chilao.
- all homes north of Loma Alta Drive between Lake Avenue and Canyon Crest above the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including Camp Chiquita.
- Homes on Riverwood Drive near Big Tujunga Canyon Road.
- Alpine Village east of Big Tujunga Canyon Road.
- residents only will be allowed back into the area of Vista Del Valle Road west of Angeles Crest Highway and La Canada Boulevard north to El Vago Street west to Linda Vista Driver north to Alta Canada Drive.

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#### **In Altadena:**

--Canyon Dell Drive area, one mile northeast of JPL. The area includes residences on: Canyon Crest Road, Aralia Road, Rising Hill Road and smaller streets accessed by those streets. This area is west of Millard Canyon, east of Arroyo Seco and north of Hahamongna Watershed Park.

#### **In Glendale:**

--Santa Carlotta north between Pennsylvania and Lowell

#### **In La Crescenta:**

--Briggs Terrace area off Shields Street, above Briggs Avenue; Homes have also been ordered evacuated near the Big Tujunga Ranger Station. Near Mount Wilson, at Camp High Hill near the Red Box Sheriff's Station and the Clear Creek Outdoor Education Center, according to the U.S. Forest Service. A voluntary evacuation was in effect for the Florecita neighborhood, in northwest Pasadena, including Florecita Drive, Florecita Way, Florecita Lane and Florecita Terrace.

#### **American Red Cross Shelters Operational:**

- **Golden Valley High School** (27051 Robert C. Lee Pkwy - Santa Clarita, 91350)
- **Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center** (2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd., Palmdale 93550)
- **La Canada High School** (4463 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada Flintridge, 91011-3797)
- **La Crescenta Valley High School** (2900 Community Ave., La Crescenta, 91214)
- **Verdugo Hills High School** (10625 Plainview Avenue, Tujunga, 91042)

#### **Pet Evacuation Centers (Large and Small Animals)**

- **Pierce College**- 39055 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills (boarding horses/big animals)
- **Hansen Dam**-(Big animals)
- **La Canada High School**-4463 Oak Grove, La Canada (small animals)
- **Pasadena Humane Society**-361 S. Raymond, Pasadena
- **Loma Alta County Park**-at Lincoln and Loma Alta, Altadena
- **Humane Society**-401 N. Verdugo, Glendale
- **East Valley Shelter**-(For Tujunga Residents) 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys 91405 - 888-4LAPET1 or 888-452-7381
- **Baldwin Park Shelter**-(For Altadena Residents) 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park 626-962-3577

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### Information Lines for Residents:

- LA County 211
- Angeles National Forest (24 Hour Line) (626) 821-6700
- American Red Cross-(888) 737-4306
- For residents who may have to evacuate-please check out the Los Angeles County Fire web-site at <http://www.fire.lacounty.gov> and click on: "Ready! Set! Go!"

### Road Closures:

Soledad Canyon Road (on the Santa Clarita side) to Bootlegger Road in Acton. Agua Dulce Canyon Road and a section of the 14 Freeway. Angeles Crest Highway at Vista Del Valle. Angeles Crest Highway at Starlight Crest. Angeles Crest Highway between La Canada and Big Pines Highway. Starlight Crest at Greenridge. Angeles National Forest is closed. Soledad Canyon at 14. Agua Dulce at 14. Escondido at 14. Red Rover at 14. Soledad Canyon at Sierra.

Road Closures from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website located at <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov>

Little Tujunga Canyon Road from Placerita Canyon to Los Angeles City boundary. Mt. Wilson Road from Angeles Crest Highway to Mt. Wilson Circle Road. Angeles Forest Highway from Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Angeles Crest Highway. Big Tujunga Canyon Road from 5280 West at Mile Marker 01.00 to Angeles Forest Highway. Upper Tujunga Canyon Road from Angeles Forest Highway to Angeles Crest Highway. Video Road from Mt. Wilson Red Box Road to Audio Road. Audio Road from Mt. Wilson Red Box Road to Mt Wilson Canyon Road. East Fork Road from Glendora Ridge Road closed to all incoming traffic. Glendora Mountain Road to Glendora Ridge Road closed for incoming traffic only.

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