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L.A. COUNTY URGES WOOLSEY FIRE COMMUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR EVACUATIONS BEFORE STORMY WEATHER

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) is forecasting a series of five storms that will impact Los Angeles County, with the first storm scheduled to arrive tonight before midnight and a second series of storms possibly arriving Sunday night.

All residents who live in or near the Woolsey Fire burn areas should remain vigilant during these storms. “Peak rainfall rates may result in significant mud and debris flow, and we encourage Woolsey Fire survivors to be ready to evacuate at a moment’s notice” stated Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Daryl L. Osby. “Elderly residents, individuals who have medical conditions, and residents who own large animals should make plans now to leave their homes as a precaution.”

All Woolsey Fire burn areas may be subject to evacuation. Communities in low-lying areas or next to steep slopes or waterways are particularly at-risk of mudslides and falling debris. The County of Los Angeles Fire, Sheriff’s and Public Works departments urge residents who live in communities along the following canyon roads to be ready to evacuate if needed (communities are listed in order from West to East):

Mulholland/Sycamore Canyon, Decker Canyon Road, Encinal Canyon Road, Trancas/Paseo Canyon, Kanan Dume Road, Latigo Canyon, Corral Canyon and Malibu Canyon.

Additionally, residents from the following neighborhoods should also be ready to evacuate:
Neighborhoods located south of Mulholland (listed in order from West to East): Decker School, Malibu West, Malibu Park/Bonsall, Ramirez Canyon, Zumirez, Ocean View/Escondido, El Nido, and Newell.

Neighborhoods located north of Mulholland (listed in order from West to East): Oak Forest Mobile Estates, Triunfo/Lobo Canyon, Seminole Springs, Malibu Lake and surrounding communities from Triunfo Creek to Cornell Road, and Old Agoura.

Communities and neighborhoods not listed are still subject to road closures, mud/debris flows and limited access. Major transportation routes may be blocked and are subject to close, therefore leaving early is key.

Residents should take the following preparedness actions to keep themselves, their families and loved ones safe during these storms:

- Create a Plan: Create an evacuation plan and identify a primary exit route and a secondary exit route, ensuring your vehicle has enough gas and working wipers.
- Pack a Go-Kit: Be ready to evacuate by having an emergency kit ready and loaded in your vehicle, which should include items such as extra medication, important documents and warm clothing.
- Stay Informed: Keep aware of road closures, changing road conditions and evacuation messages by watching local media coverage on television and radio, and following these Twitter handles: @CaltransDist7, @LASDHQ, @LHSLASD, @LACoFDPIO and @LACoPublicWorks.

Residents who stay at home should be aware that burn areas do not have a normal ability to absorb rainfall. Even small amounts of rain may result in significant mud and debris flows, and hazardous conditions may develop with little to no warning. Be sure to have enough water, food and supplies for at least 7 to 10 days.

For additional resources on storm preparation visit lacounty.gov/LARain and follow #LARain and #WoolseyFire on social media feeds.

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