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County, City Issue Evacuation Order for Tea Fire Burn Area, Including Sycamore Canyon and Areas Adjacent to Fire *Sycamore Canyon, Eastside & Tea Fire Area Residents Urged to Take Precautions*

Santa Barbara County and City emergency officials have issued an Evacuation Order for residents within the Tea Fire Burn Area, including the Sycamore Creek area and other areas immediately below the fire zone.

Santa Barbara County has initiated the County's Reverse 9-1-1 call system to alert residents in both the county unincorporated area and within the City of Santa Barbara. Emergency officials are particularly concerned with the situation because this is the first rain event after the Tea Fire occurred. Immediately after a fire, the soil geology can be very unstable and can become easily disturbed by the first rain.

An Evacuation Order means residents are advised to leave the area now. The order includes homes within the burn area and Sycamore Canyon, north of the Five Points Roundabout.

In the County (unincorporated) area, the evacuation order is bounded by:

- East and West Mountain Drive from Cold Springs Road to El Cielito
- Gibraltar Road from El Cielito to East Camino Cielo, including the Mount Calvary Road burn area
- Chelham Way along Westmont Creek and Chelham Creek

In the City area, the evacuation orders include:

- Sycamore Canyon North from APS/Montecito Street to Stanwood
- Stanwood Drive west to El Cielito
- Conejo Road from Stanwood to Las Alturas
- Conejo Lane, Camino Alto, Orizaba Lane, Orizaba Road, Sherman Road, Eland Place and Mountain Drive east of El Cielito

The forecast of rain for this area means this area is subject to flooding or mud slides. A Red Cross Shelter will be set up at Santa Barbara High School, 700 East Anapamu Street.

As of 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, the County has also activated its Call Center line at (805) 681-5197. The Call Center will remain active as needed based on call volume. Animal Services Hotline is (805) 681-4332 for assistance with animal evacuations.

Depending upon the rain and weather conditions, the City, the County and CalTrans **may close several roads in the area, effective at 9 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, including:**

- Mountain Drive between El Cielito and Cold Springs Road
- Highway 192 between Orizaba and Conejo Road
- Gibraltar Road
- Sycamore Canyon Road between Stanwood Drive and Five Points
- The Sycamore Canyon Gates will remain closed due to the dangerous landslide potential in the area.

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Residents should pay attention to local National Weather Service (NWS) information, which provides Flash Flood Watches and Warnings both on the NOAA Weather radio, and on the NWS website at www.weather.gov/losangeles.

In the event of a large emergency or disaster, the County will work with all bona fide news organizations to distribute emergency public information. The County's "Stations of Choice" for emergency news currently include the following AM stations—KTMS-990; KZSB-1290; KUHL-1410; KINF-1440, plus the San Marcos Pass Radio Station 1040—and the following FM stations—KCSB-91.9; KSYV-96.7; KTYD-99.9; KSBL-101.7 and KRAZ-105.9. In addition, the Spanish language FM stations, KSPE-94.5 and KIST-107.7 are also designated "Stations of Choice" in the cooperative agreement with the County.

For more information regarding the emergency preparedness, go online to www.CountyofSB.org, or the cities' websites at www.santabarbaraca.gov. For emergency preparedness tips go to www.Ready.gov.

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