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Silver Fire Update/Repopulation of Snow Creek, Cabazon, Mt. Edna, and Poppet Flats Communities

Banning – The Riverside County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department/OES is lifting the Evacuation Order for the communities of Snow Creek, Cabazon, Mt. Edna, and Poppet Flats as of 6:00 PM today. Only local residents in these affected areas will be allowed to repopulate with an access pass until further notice.

Access Passes will be issued by the Riverside Sheriff's Department starting at 6:00 PM today.

- The Pass Distribution Center is located at Hemet High School, 41701 East Stetson Ave. Hemet, CA
- Residents must check-in at the Distribution Center to receive an access pass. The Riverside Sheriff's Department will issue a resident an access pass, which must be displayed in order to re-enter the evacuated areas.
- **Proper identification will be required** showing residency in the affected communities and must be shown at the Distribution Center. This includes, but is not limited to, a California Driver's License/Identification Card, residency identification card, or utility bill (plus Photo ID). Special requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Fire Officials and cooperators have determined the threat to these communities from the 16,000 acre wildfire has been diminished due to increased containment. Firefighting personnel and equipment are still working in and around the affected areas and the mountain communities. Residents are encouraged to please use caution while driving

back into the area and resuming day-to-day activities. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department will continue security patrols in these communities as they repopulate and settle.

Evacuation Order: Twin Pines and the Silent Valley RV Park remain closed due to safety concerns and the ongoing firefighting operations.

Fire and Emergency services representatives will be available at Hemet High School at 5:30 PM to provide information about the fire and structures that were damaged or destroyed. Information regarding damaged structures is also available by dialing 211.

Road Closures:

- Highway 243 will remain closed north of Poppet Flats Road to Wesley Street, Banning.

Every attempt is being made to safely return residents to the communities that remain evacuated. Fire and law enforcement officials want to thank those affected by this evacuation for their safe and efficient evacuation and patience while the Silver Fire posed a threat to their homes, infrastructure and communities as a whole. Residents returning to their homes should stay informed on the fire's status, as conditions can change depending on weather and fire conditions.

For information on the Silver Fire burning in the San Jacinto mountains in Riverside County:

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