
NEWS RELEASE

WOOLSEY FIRE RAIN STORM UNIFIED COMMAND



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RELEASE DATE:
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WINTER STORM SAFETY MESSAGE

WHAT: Winter Storm Safety

WHEN: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 thru Wednesday, March 6, 2019

WHERE: Woolsey Fire Burn Area

NOTES: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a storm watch as rain begins this evening from a tropical moisture system that is developing over the Pacific Ocean. Strong Southeast winds between 20 – 40 MPH are forecasted with this storm.

Areas within & adjacent to the Woolsey Fire Burn Area are at an increased risk for flooding, and mud and debris flow. Even small amounts of rain may result in significant mud and debris flows, and hazardous conditions may develop with little to no warning. Roadway flooding is likely, especially in low lying areas, along with rocks and mud on canyon roads and below steep terrain. Strong winds may cause tree limb damage and possible power outages. Maintain situational awareness around trees and power poles, as they can quickly fall down.

Residents with properties that have limited access should maintain good situational awareness and monitor the condition of roadways closely. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams and never drive through flooded roadways. Streets may become flooded and impassible. Identify multiple exit routes out of you property, and park your vehicle facing your primary exit route. If you become trapped, immediately seek high ground and call 9-1-1.

Additional resources from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Public Works, and Los Angeles County Fire Department will be patrolling the Woolsey Fire Burn Area from Tuesday evening through Thursday morning.

Residents should take the following preparedness actions to keep themselves, their families and loved ones safe during this rain event:

- **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. If you have animals, elderly family members, or special medical needs, make accommodations beforehand to expedite travel and shelter.
- **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 & radio, and following these Twitter handles: @CaltransDist7, @LASDHQ, @LHSLASD, @LACoFDPIO and @LACoPublicWorks.
- To check the current closure status of any LA County roads go to: dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures

All residents who live in or near the Woolsey Fire burn areas are urged to remain vigilant. For additional resources on storm preparation visit lacounty.gov/LARain and follow #LARain and #WoolseyFire on social media.

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