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# Stormy Weather Returns To Southland Bringing Flooding, Mudslides

By CBSLA Staff, KCAL 9

Posted: December 30, 2021 at 11:10 am



LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) — A slow-moving storm system slid over the Southland — albeit later than expected — bringing rain to most areas and snow to the mountains, beginning what forecasters expect to be two days of wet conditions.

A winter storm warning took effect at 1 a.m. Wednesday and will remain in place until 4 a.m. Friday in the Los Angeles County mountains, excluding the Santa Monica range.

The National Weather Service says “heavy snow” is possible and elevations above 5,000 feet could get 1 to 3 feet. “Light snow” could fall as low as 4,000 feet.

The snow will be accompanied by winds of 35 to 40 mph, with higher-elevation gusts of up to 60 mph.

“Travel could be very difficult to impossible,” according to the NWS. “Some mountain roadways that could be affected by snowfall include Angeles Crest Highway, Mount Baldy Road and Highway 39 in Los Angeles County.”

Caltrans said workers were clearing Angeles Crest Highway in the Angeles National Forest north of La Canada Flintridge, and chains were required.

At 7:47 p.m. Wednesday, Caltrans said Angeles Crest Highway was closed from State Route 39 to Big Pines Highway due to snow and landslides.

Just before 11 a.m., the sheriff’s Crescenta Valley station reported mudslides on Angeles Crest Highway at Mile Marker 27.55. Deputies cautioned motorists to drive with caution.

Caltrans also advised that snow could impact travel through the Grapevine area on the 5 Freeway in northern Los Angeles County.

By 5 a.m. Thursday, CHP and Caltrans were alerting drivers that snow was sticking to the ground over the summit on the 5 Freeway between Lebec and State Route 138. Traffic was said to be slow through the area.

CHP later said the Grapevine was closed to drivers on both the north and southbound sides of the 5 Freeway due to snow and ice. The freeway was closed from Grapevine Road on the southbound side and Templin Gate Shutdown on the northbound side. State Route 58 through Tehachapi is open and an alternate route, CHP said.

In Orange County, voluntary evacuation warnings will go into effect at 10 a.m. Wednesday for the Silverado, Williams and Modjeska canyon areas in the Bond Fire burn area due to fears of possible debris flows.

A flash flood watch was issued for Orange County coastal and inland areas and the Santa Ana Mountains, including the Bond Fire burn area through Thursday afternoon.

In Yucaipa, evacuation warnings remained in effect due to the current storm. **San Bernardino County Fire** reminded residents to continue to adhere to evacuation warnings and orders.

CBSLA Meteorologist Alex Biston said a Special Marine Warning was in place until 5:30 a.m. from Point Mugu to San Mateo Point, including Santa Catalina and Anacapa Islands.

“A shower capable of producing waterspouts was located near Port of LA. Waterspouts can create locally hazardous seas,” Biston said.

Campers were evacuated from the Leo Carrillo State Park campground Thursday morning after a nearby creek began flooding from the rain.

Los Angeles County firefighters were able to assist 10 people in leaving the campground but said 30 to 50 people were still there and unable to self evacuate.

In Calabasas, Mulholland Highway was closed between Las Virgenes Road and Cornell Road due to heavy mudflow and rockfall on the roadway.

Maintenance crews were set to be in the area removing rocks, mud and debris once the heavy rain has subsided, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2021/12/30/stormy-weather-returning-with-rain-snow-evacuations-already-up-in-oc/>

## Firefighters battle house fire in Hesperia

By Rene Ray De La Cruz, Victorville Daily Press

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Firefighters from Hesperia and Victorville battle an early morning house fire Thursday in Hesperia. *Photo Courtesy of The San Bernardino County Fire Department.*

A predawn fire left one single-story home in Hesperia severely damaged, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

Firefighters responded to the blaze at around 2 a.m. Thursday, which began in the 15000 block of Mesquite Avenue, between Cottonwood and Eleventh avenues.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered fire showing from one side of the home and smoke from all attic vents. Both of the home's occupants were also found outside.

Fire crews deployed lines and initiated an exterior attack, which knocked down the bulk of the fire.

As additional resources arrived, including the Victorville Fire Department, firefighters made entry to confirm the home was clear for any occupants and continued battling the fire.

Moderate smoke conditions were encountered until truck crews ventilated the structure from the roof.

Some of the fire extended into the attic, with the main portion of the fire contained to the fireplace/living room of the home.

The fire was knocked down in approximately 15 minutes, and no firefighters were injured.

Three engines, one truck company, one chief officer, one medic ambulance, and one investigator, totaling 16 personnel from county fire, were assigned to the incident. SBC sheriff's deputies were also called to the scene. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the county fire marshal's office.

<https://www.vvdailynews.com/story/news/2021/12/30/firefighters-battle-house-fire-hesperia/9056787002/>

# Magic Mountain, Knott's Berry Farm Shut Down During Winter Storm, Disneyland Still Open

By CBSLA Staff, KCAL 9

Posted: December 30, 2021 at 1:26 p.m.



LOS ANGELES (CBSLA) – Two major Southern California theme parks announced on Twitter they shut down Thursday due to a powerful winter storm sweeping through the area.

Six Flag Magic Mountain tweeted that due to the weather the park would be closed Thursday. Knott's Berry Farm shut down early at 1 p.m. citing the weather as the reason why on Twitter.

The other major theme parks in the area, Disneyland and Universal Studios, remained open. A winter storm warning took effect at 1 a.m. Wednesday and will remain in place until 4 a.m. Friday in the Los Angeles County mountains, excluding the Santa Monica range.

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## Crash slows traffic on 15 Freeway New Year's Day in Hesperia

By Victor Valley News Group Staff, Victor Valley News Group

Posted: January 1, 2022



(Photo Credit: Andrew J. Rodriguez)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A crash in Hesperia tied up traffic on New Years Day. The solo-vehicle crash was reported at 3:54 p.m. on the northbound 15 Freeway Saturday, January 1, 2022. **San Bernardino County Fire** and California Highway Patrol Officers responded to the collision and located a 2021 Toyota RAV4 on its roof in a culvert.

The male driver was responsive and alert, however, while First Responders were assessing the man at the scene, he briefly fainted. The man was transported by ground ambulance to a local hospital as a precaution.

The #3 lane was closed at 4:19 p.m. as a tow truck arrived on the scene to remove the vehicle, and all lanes of traffic were reopened at 4:36 p.m. It was not immediately clear how the crash occurred.

<https://www.vvng.com/crash-slows-traffic-on-15-freeway-new-years-day-in-hesperia/>

## 2 small brush fires extinguished Sunday afternoon in the Cajon Pass

By Victor Valley News Group Staff, Victor Valley News Group

Posted: January 2, 2022



CAJON PASS, Calif. (VVNG.com) — The cause of two small brush fires in the Cajon Pass on Sunday afternoon remains under investigation, officials said.

The fires were reported at about 12:49 pm, on January 2, 2022, along the northbound I-15, near Highway 138. S Forest Service Firefighters assisted **San Bernardino County Fire** in extinguishing the small fires totaling approximately 1/4 acre. Traffic in the Cajon Pass is gridlocked from about the 215 interchange to Highway 138 due to many people traveling to the mountain communities for snow play.

No injuries were reported and the cause is under investigation.

<https://www.vvng.com/2-small-brush-fires-extinguished-sunday-afternoon-in-the-cajon-pass/>