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MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTINGS REPORTED AT WHITING RANCH WILDERNESS PARK

(Foothill Ranch, Calif.) – Recent mountain lion sightings at Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park have prompted OC Parks to step up trail monitoring and post notification signs alerting park patrons to the activity.

Wardens from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife were called in to assist in an investigation after the sightings were reported and are monitoring the park with OC Parks personnel. Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park remains open to public use.

A photo of a mountain lion in a tree taken at the park has circulated on social media. Warning signs have been posted nearby and additional trail cameras installed in the area.

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park is characterized by natural terrain and certain inherent dangerous conditions, including mountain lions, rattlesnakes and poison oak. Minors should be accompanied by adults at all times. Mountain lions are known to roam the area and are unpredictable. Patrons are asked to stay alert, stay on park trails and follow all park rules.

Additional mountain lion sightings should be reported in detail to park staff as soon as possible. Sightings at Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park can be reported at (949) 923-2245.

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