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VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS IN SILVERADO CANYON LIFTED WITH POTENTIAL TO BE REINSTATED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The voluntary evacuation issued early Tuesday for the Silverado Canyon burn area was lifted at 9:30 am Wednesday by the County Operations Center due to a period of decreased rainfall levels. The voluntary evacuation could be activated again late Wednesday afternoon when rainfall is predicted to resume according to the National Weather Service. A Flash Flood Watch is still in effect.

Emergency response crews and equipment will remain in Silverado Canyon to monitor conditions and respond to any issues that may arise.

Residents who relocated large animals are urged to continue boarding such animals until early Thursday.

The voluntary evacuation was issued early Tuesday due to potential flooding and debris flows and was in effect for homes east of 30311 Silverado Canyon Road. Residents are advised that a voluntary evacuation could be reinstated if conditions warrant. The National Weather Service warns that significant rainfall is expected to resume Wednesday afternoon and the public is warned that heavy rain, with subsequent flooding and debris flows are possible. Evacuation routes can quickly become impassable due to mud, debris or flooding.

The public may continue to call the hotline number, (714) 628-7085, to contact the Emergency Operations Center.

Sandbags for canyon residents are available at OC Fire Authority’s Station 14 at 29402 Silverado Canyon Road, as well as at an OC Public Works’ Maintenance Yard located at 20811 El Toro Road in Lake Forest.

The American Red Cross shelter at El Modena High School in Orange is currently closed, but will re-open if a voluntary evacuation is reinstated. Residents are reminded that animals are not allowed in the shelter, with the exception of service animals. It is recommended that residents bring their medications, if possible.

Any person with disabilities and those with access and/or functional needs requiring assistance during an evacuation should call the Orange County Sheriff’s Department at (714) 647-7000.

Residents are urged to monitor local media for the most up-to-date information, as well as follow @OrangeCountyEOC and @OCSD on Twitter.

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