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MANDATORY EVACUATIONS LIFTED IN SILVERADO CANYON
AND DEACTIVATION OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The mandatory evacuation issued early Friday for the Silverado Canyon burn area was lifted at 1:45 pm Friday by the County Operations Center due to decreased forecasted rainfall levels. A road closure issued early Friday on Silverado Canyon Road was also lifted.

A Flash Flood Watch issued by the National Weather Service will still be in effect until 3:00 am Saturday due to rainfall expected to continue through Friday night.

Emergency response crews and equipment will remain in Silverado Canyon to monitor conditions and respond to any issues that may arise. The Orange County Emergency Operations Center will deactivate at 2:30 pm Friday.

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

The mandatory evacuation was issued early Friday due to potential flooding and debris flows and was in effect for homes east of 30311 Silverado Canyon Road. The National Weather Service warns that rainfall is expected to continue through Friday night 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 conditions warrant.

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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