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Extreme conditions brought on by snow affecting Forest operations

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — The San Bernardino National Forest is asking the public to please be patient with the current forest conditions and to be aware of public safety concerns across National Forest System lands. The recent extreme weather has caused damage to infrastructure within the Forest and in and around mountain communities, such as downed utility poles/lines and damaged roads. Most of the Forest is also inaccessible due to extremely high snow accumulations.

“We are working to address public safety and to assess winter storm damages.” Said Forest Supervisor Danelle D. Harrison. “Due to limited access and deteriorating conditions, it will be several weeks before the Forest is fully operational. With communities dealing with lack of power and lack of resources, visiting these mountain communities puts additional pressure on already scarce resources.” Unsafe road conditions due to snow and ice, as well as warming temps have created hazardous driving conditions, to the point where many roads remain closed. If you must travel to these communities, please be prepared with self-sustaining resources. If you find yourself stuck, there could be delays in receiving help.

The San Bernardino National Forest is working with counties and local agencies to provide assistance and support to mountain communities. We will provide updates as conditions change.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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