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PRESS RELEASE

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North Etiwanda Preserve Closure Due to Fire Danger

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – Due to increased fire danger, the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District and the San Bernardino County Fire Department will be implementing a closure of the North Etiwanda Preserve over the 4th of July holiday.

The closure is being implemented under the authority granted to the Fire Chiefs of both agencies and pursuant to Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District Ordinance FD-056 and San Bernardino County Fire Code Section 11. The closure is supported by San Bernardino County Special Districts, which is the agency that manages the North Etiwanda Preserve.

The closure is effective from 8:00 p.m. July 3, 2019 through 6:30 a.m. July 5, 2019. A violation of the closure order is punishable by a fine of \$1,000. The closure order can be viewed at www.RCFire.org.

The closure is necessary to provide for public safety and prevent the ignition of a wildfire that can damage or destroy the natural resources of the region and the historically significant areas within the North Etiwanda Preserve. "The North Etiwanda Preserve is a local treasure and a historically important place within our community," stated Rancho Cucamonga Fire Marshal Rob Ball. "Those among us who insist on using fireworks over the 4th of July holiday put our homes and our open space recreation areas at risk of destruction from a wildfire started by fireworks."



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All fireworks are illegal in the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District, which includes all of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, as well as the undeveloped areas north of the city. This also includes safe and sane fireworks that can be purchased in neighboring cities.

The Fire District encourages residents to report the use of fireworks to the Non-Emergency Dispatch Line by calling (909) 941-1488. "If you see something, say something," encourages Fire Marshall Ball. "Help us keep your homes and our environment safe from preventable wildfires caused by those whose disregard for others puts all of us at unnecessary risk."

The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District encourages residents and visitors to enjoy the FREE professional fireworks show offered by the City of Rancho Cucamonga, available from the comfort of your home by looking toward the launch point of Chaffey College. More information about the Rancho Cucamonga fireworks show is available at www.CityofRC.us

For More Information – For additional information about the closure, please contact the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District at (909) 477-2770.

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