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CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief Re-Opens Hiking Areas

Effective at noon today, December 9, 2014, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief, John R. Hawkins will re-open hiking areas listed below that were closed for much of 2014 due to severe fire danger:

- Avery Canyon (Gibbel Road east of State Street in Hemet)
- North Mountain and Indian Canyon (San Jacinto area)
- Whitewater Canyon (Cabazon, north of Palm Springs)
- Nuevo/Lakeview (east of Menifee Road and San Jacinto Avenue)
- Minto (Sage)
- Reinhardt Canyon (north of Highway 74 and California Avenue in Hemet)
- Ramona Bowl and Bautista Canyon (southeast Hemet)

Chief Hawkins possesses the authority under Riverside County Ordinance 787.6 to restrict public access to these identified hazardous fire areas unless private property access is required. These hazardous areas are closed only when fire danger increases to hazardous levels.

“While I am pleased to announce the reopening of the beautiful hiking areas, outdoor enthusiasts must remember that we live in a climate where fire danger looms year-round. Please be mindful of the fire threat that still exists in the severe drought conditions”, says Chief Hawkins.

Future closures may be implemented based upon weather conditions, fuel moisture and increased wildland fire threat. Maps for each of the affected areas can be located on our website at www.rvcfire.org . For additional information on the closure of these hazardous fire areas, please contact the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Public Affairs Bureau at (951) 940-6985.

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