



COMMUTER ALERT

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I-15 NORTHBOUND REOPENS TO MOTORISTS CALTRANS BLUE CUT FIRE UPDATE #4

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is working in cooperation with the Blue Cut Fire Unified Incident Command in the Cajon Pass. The incident began at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 16, and closed Interstate 15 (I-15) from Interstate 215 (I-215) to Main Street in Hesperia in addition to State Route 138 (SR 138) from State Route 173 (SR 173) to State Route 18 (SR 18). The exact time is to be determined.

Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) REOPENED NORTHBOUND I-215 this evening at 10:15 p.m. and the northbound I-15 through the Cajon Pass shortly thereafter. The #4 lane will remain closed from Cleghorn Road to SR 138. All ramps will remain closed at Kenwood Avenue, Cleghorn Road, SR 138 and Oak Hill Rd. Work will continue on southbound I-15 to complete guardrail and other repairs. Southbound I-15 will remain closed until further notice.

Caltrans crews and contractors are working to repair damaged guardrail and make other necessary repairs to the roadway. Traffic control will be in place at various locations through the Cajon Pass in addition to lane closures and CHP escorts. **Motorists are advised to follow all traffic commands from work crews, law enforcement, and emergency personnel.**

Caltrans expects traffic delays to be significant on I-15, I-215, and other routes leading to the Cajon Pass. The use of alternate routes is strongly advised to avoid delays. The following detours will remain in place for motorists:

- Eastbound I-10 to eastbound SR-62 to northbound SR-247 to westbound SR-18 to I-15 northbound.
- Northbound I-5 to northbound SR-14 to eastbound SR-58 to I-15.
- SR-18 south through Apple Valley, Lucerne Valley, and Big Bear to SR-330 south to I-210 (not recommended for trucks or oversized loads).

The following routes will remain closed until further notice:

- SR-138 is closed from the Los Angeles County Line (SR 18) to SR-173.
- SR-2 is closed from SR 138 to LA County Line.

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