

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE # 4

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EVACUATION ORDERS LIFTED

Voluntary evacuations orders have been lifted for **Modjeska, Williams, and Live Oak Canyons** but road closures in Williams and Live Oak Canyons remain in force for non-residents.

Road conditions throughout Orange County may be hazardous due to the storm and motorists are cautioned to drive with care. Access to Modjeska Canyon is unrestricted but Williams and Live Oak Canyons are open to residents only. Santiago Canyon Road remains closed between Loma Ridge Road and Silverado Canyon.

Cautionary signs are being placed at Modjeska and Santiago and Live Oak to remind motorists to slow down.

Severe rain that caused mudslides in the canyons is believed to have damaged at least two homes and one business. There was one injury in a rain related traffic accident.

The County of Orange issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency Thursday afternoon.

The rain caused slides and damage to areas that were burned by the Santiago Fire in October and November 2007.

The National Weather Service warned that similar rain and thunderstorms could return tomorrow afternoon.

If residents have any questions, they can call the Orange County Emergency Operations Center hotline at (714) 628-7085 until 10 p.m.

Press updates after 10 p.m. can be obtained by calling the Orange County Sheriff's Department Watch Commander.

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