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WOOLSEY FIRE ALL RESIDENTS IN BURNED AREAS ARE URGED TO PREPARE FOR FLOOD SAFETY

LOS ANGELES (Tue., Nov. 20, 2018) – Mud and debris flows are a very realistic threat to the communities affected by the Hill and Woolsey fires. Due to an increased probability of mud and debris flows in these fire areas, it is important to plan and prepare. Evacuation orders should not be taken lightly, and are ordered because there is a threat to life and property. Evacuate early.

Federal, County, State and local officials are working collaboratively to identify areas of potential high risk, post fire flooding. Burn area residents are encouraged to monitor media reports and National Weather Service's forecasts to see if there are any changes in the anticipated storm conditions. Los Angeles County Public Works' maintenance crews will continue to work to keep County roads open and County facilities functioning.

Mud and debris flows can have a devastating impact, including loss of life and home. Prepare for lack of water, power and natural gas, and roads that may be impassable.

- Burn area residents can pick up empty sandbags at their local fire stations.
- Visit: lacounty.gov/larain for storm season emergency resources, including LA County's Homeowners Guide to Flood, Debris and Erosion Control.
- Know how to shut off all utilities. Remember, water and electricity **Do Not Mix**.
- Flowing water is an instant danger zone. Stay away from flood control channels, catch basins, canyons and natural waterways, which are susceptible to flooding during periods of heavy rain.
- Do not attempt to cross the flooded areas and never enter moving water.
- If you become isolated, seek the highest ground available and wait for help.
- If flooding traps you in your car, stay inside. If the water rises higher, wait on top of your car for assistance. Do not step into moving water around your car.
- If you see someone who has been swept into moving water, do not enter the water and attempt a rescue. Call 911 for emergency rescue personnel and, if possible, throw them a flotation device.

- Be ready to go when told to evacuate.

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