



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
King Gillette Ranch
26800 Mulholland Highway
Calabasas, California 91302

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Dash Stolarz, (323) 221-9944 x198
Dash.stolarz@mrca.ca.gov

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Opens Parks Previously Closed by the Woolsey Fire

CALABASAS, CA (January 30, 2019) — The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) announced today that it has opened all but one of the MRCA-managed parks that had been previously closed by conditions related to the November 2018 Woolsey Fire.

The MRCA has cleared hazardous conditions from the parks and open space. In addition, in order to assure public safety, the MRCA has conducted limited radiological analysis of soils in Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve and other MRCA areas. The assessment determined that the fire had not increased the low-level concentrations that are generally consistent with normal background levels.

As always, trail users should exercise caution in the open space, and not venture off established trails so that plants and wildlife can recover from the fire aftermath. The agency has installed new signs to remind hikers to stay on the trail and contribute to the recovery of the ecosystem.

The following parks managed by the MRCA that were previously closed are now open to the public:

Previously Closed and Now Open to the Public:

Cameron Nature Preserve at Puerco Canyon
Corral Canyon Park – Sara Wan Trailhead
Escondido Canyon Park
Fran Pavley Meadow
Las Virgenes View Trail
Liberty Canyon Trailhead
Seminole Overlook
Triunfo Creek Park
Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve (formerly Ahmanson Ranch)
Zev Yaroslavsky Las Virgenes Highlands Park

The following park managed by the MRCA remains closed until further notice:

Sill Closed for Hazardous Conditions:

Escondido Canyon Park

All other parks, open space and trails managed by the MRCA are open to the public.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity dedicated to the preservation and management of open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails, and wildlife habitat. The MRCA works in cooperation with other government partners to acquire parkland, participate in vital planning processes, provide natural resources and scientific expertise, and complete major park improvement projects. The MRCA manages and provides ranger services and fire protection for almost 75,000 acres of parkland that it owns and that are owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy or other agencies and provides comprehensive education and interpretation and leadership programs for youth. It is one of the lead agencies providing for the revitalization of the Los Angeles River.

###