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Large Animal Owners Impacted by Evacuation Warning Advised to Relocate Pets Before Rainfall

TUSTIN, Calif. (January 28, 2020) – Large animal owners under an Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) are advised to follow their plans to move their pets before the rainfall arrives this evening.

Effective 8:00 a.m. today, the Orange County Sheriff's Department issued an Evacuation Warning (Voluntary) for the Bond Fire burn area due to potential flooding and debris flows. The evacuation warning is for homes located within Silverado Canyon, Williams Canyon, and Modjeska Canyon.

The U.S. Geological Survey has advised that flash flood level rain is capable of producing catastrophic debris flows that can destroy homes and roads. Debris flows can occur without notice and cause evacuation routes to quickly become impassable due to mud or flooding. Additionally, the emergency may prevent resources from entering impacted areas to assist with animals due to safety concerns.

While evacuating, please ensure that vehicles such as large trailers are not blocking roadways as this may impact the ability of first responders to travel to impacted areas.

Animal owners with disabilities, access, functional needs, or those looking for up-to-date information can call OC Animal Care at (714) 935-6848 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and (714) 259-1122 from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. If you need to report a life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Residents can also stay informed of the most current information by monitoring:

- ✓ <u>https://www.ocsheriff.gov/</u>
- ✓ @OCSheriff and @OCFA_PIO on Twitter
- ✓ @OCAnimalCare on Facebook and Twitter

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