



Press Release

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PRE-EVACUATION ADVISORY TO REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY *Public Asked to Remain Vigilant of Storm System Arriving Thursday Afternoon*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – The Pre-Evacuation Advisory issued by County officials for the Sherpa, Whittier, Alamo and Thomas Fire burn areas remains in effect. No evacuations are being ordered for the Monday/Tuesday storm. However, thunderstorms can appear with little to no warning and can cause debris flows.

The National Weather Service has updated its forecast for Monday and Tuesday and has reduced the threat of minor debris flows for all burn areas in Santa Barbara County. The threat for minor debris flows is 5% due to possible thunderstorms forecasted in the Tuesday morning hours between 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Clean-up efforts in our debris basins have now improved capacity for minor debris flows.

The Pre-Evacuation Advisory will remain in effect as the prediction for the storm on Thursday may meet evacuation thresholds. The public must remain vigilant as flash floods, mud and debris flows can happen with little or no warning. County agencies, emergency officials and NWS will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Ready Santa Barbara County website at ReadySBC.org for updates. To go directly to the Interactive Debris Flow Risk Areas map, visit ReadySBC.org/StormReadyMap.

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In English:

Emergency Alert System:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at www.AwareAndPrepare.org. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

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En español:

Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:

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