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PRESS RELEASE

FIRE CHIEF CLOSES HAZARDOUS HIKING AREAS THROUGHOUT RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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PERRIS, CA – CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser recently received approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to close six hazardous hiking areas throughout the region effective June 15, 2025. The closures will remain in effect until further notice in the following areas:

- Eagle Canyon/Tin Mine (east of Corona)
- Steel Peak (north of Lake Elsinore)
- Bautista Canyon (southeast of Hemet)
- North Mountain (south of Banning, north of San Jacinto)
- Whitewater Canyon (east of Cabazon)
- Ramona Bowl (south of Hemet) *Open daily from sunrise until 12:00 P.M.

"In the interest of public safety and wildfire prevention, access to these hiking areas is temporarily restricted to protect nearby communities and reduce the likelihood of catastrophic fire events," stated Fire Chief Weiser.

Riverside County Ordinance 787.9 restricts public access to these identified hazardous fire areas unless private party access is required. Public roadway travel is permitted, providing travel is confined to those surfaces within hazardous fire area. Those violating the ordinance may be subject to a minimum fine of \$100 for first-time offenses.

Future closures may be implemented based upon weather conditions, fuel moisture and increased fire threats. Maps for each of the affected areas can be located at <https://tinyurl.com/hikingclosures>.

For additional information on the areas closed to the public, please contact the Public Affairs and Community Education Bureau at 951-940-6985.

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