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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE CHIEF RE-OPENS HAZARDOUS FIRE DANGER HIKING AREAS

PERRIS, CA – CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser received approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to immediately re-open six hazardous hiking areas throughout the region effective Monday, December 20, 2021. Recent rains and cooler temperatures have resulted in more favorable conditions for outdoor activities in the six areas listed below:

- 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)

"Although long-term weather reports suggest a mild winter, our resources and personnel remain in a year-round readiness mode, and so should our residents and visitors be," said Riverside County Fire Chief, Bill Weiser. "I am happy that we are able to reopen these beautiful recreational areas for everyone to enjoy safely."

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

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

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