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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 Robert Fish recently received approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to close six hazardous hiking areas throughout the region effective May 1, 2026. 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 and Indian Canyon (south of Banning, north of San Jacinto)
- Ramona Bowl (south of Hemet) *Open daily from sunrise until 12:00 P.M.

"The proactive measure of temporarily closing these hiking areas is being implemented to protect residents, visitors, and first responders, and to reduce the likelihood of wildfire incidents that could threaten surrounding communities," stated Fire Chief Fish.

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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