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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, February 24, 2025.

The recent rainfall in the region has improved fuel moisture levels, leading to a notable decrease in wildfire risk, resulting in more favorable conditions for the enjoyment of 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)

"It's great to welcome visitors back to Riverside County's beautiful outdoor spaces with unrestricted access. However, we remind everyone to remain cautious and fire-aware while enjoying these areas," expressed Bill Weiser, Riverside County and CAL FIRE Riverside Unit Chief.

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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