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## County plans meeting to discuss post-fire flood threat

Residents of the Greater Morongo Basin are encouraged to attend a public meeting on Aug. 22 to learn more about the risk of post-fire flooding and emergency precautions and procedures.

The Sawtooth Complex Fire burned large portions of the watersheds in the Yucca Valley and Morongo areas and adjacent communities. The watershed is denuded of vegetation making the threat of mudflows greater and increasing the effects for flash flooding during rainfall events.

Representatives from San Bernardino County will conduct a public meeting to discuss the threat and precautions residents should take to protect themselves and their property. Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, along with representatives from the County Department of Public Works, the California Geologic Survey, and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service will be on hand.

"We can't stop the rain from coming, but we can be prepared for the event," Supervisor Hansberger said. "I urge everyone who may be affected to take advantage of the information the experts have to offer."

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town of Yucca Valley Community Center Building, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway, in the Town of Yucca Valley.

People living in or near low-lying washes and arroyos are especially vulnerable to flooding, mud and debris flows, but even those living in the higher areas may be affected by damage to access roads, utilities, and power outages. Information and maps related to the risk of flooding and emergency preparedness will be presented and discussed.