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Firefighters Respond To Rockslide In Mill Creek

Date/Time: August 7, 2020, 11:37 am
Location: Mill Creek near Mountain Home Village
Incident: Rescue Inc#: 20-176022

Summary: Just after 11:30 this morning, San Bernardino County Fire responded to a reported rescue in Mill Creek near the community of Mountain Home Village. The caller stated that two juveniles were possibly trapped in the debris.

Firefighters arrived in the area and met with the reporting party. The resident was working outside this morning near the intersection of Alder Drive and Cienega Road. She stated that she had heard and seen two youths approximately 8-10 years old playing in the creek bed and throwing rocks at the riverbank. While walking through her yard, she heard a loud noise sounding like a rockslide and saw a large plume of dust across the creek. When the dust cleared, she no longer saw the children and called 9-1-1.

Fire personnel began a hasty search of the area and located a fifty by eight foot section of the riverbank which had slid into the creek bed. Reinforced by US&R members from County Fire and firefighters from the San Bernardino National Forest, a high density search of the debris pile was conducted.

Simultaneously, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department began a door-to-door search of the community accounting for all young residents in the neighborhood while Sheriff's helicopter 40-KING searched from above and made announcements downstream near groups recreating in the creek.

The incident was supported by personnel assigned to the #AppleFire whose western perimeter is less than two miles from the search area.

After one hour, all residents were accounted for, no visitors reported missing parties and firefighters completed their search of the slide without locating any victims.

With the ongoing closures regarding COVID-19, SBCoFD has seen an increase in visitors to our national forest and backcountry areas. We ask those coming to experience our county to do so responsibly and familiarize themselves with current closures and restrictions within the forest.

For updated information on forest restrictions, please visit U.S. Forest Service - San Bernardino National Forest.

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