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Train Derails near Ludlow

Date/Time: March 3, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Location: 1/2 mile East of Ludlow near National Trails Highway
Incident: Train Derailment

Summary: San Bernardino County firefighters and haz-mat specialists responded to a reported cargo train derailment near Ludlow. An estimated 25-35 railcars derailed, some carrying hazardous materials.

The scene was quickly accessed, and Haz-Mat personnel found one round tank car leaking a flammable liquid known as denatured alcohol (similar to ethanol). SBCoFire and BNSF Haz-Mat were able to enter the tank car and mitigate the hazard. Overall it is estimated that several thousand gallons had leaked from the unit.

There were no injuries and the cause is under investigation. About a 2 mile stretch of National Trails Hwy. near Ludlow remains closed. There was no impact to nearby I-40.

San Bernardino County Fire and BNSF remain on scene to ensure no other leaks and oversee the extensive clean-up process.

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