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Drivers Urged to Use Lake Gregory Dam Detour Route

CRESTLINE — Drivers continue to use a narrow portion of San Moritz Drive as a short-cut around the established Lake Gregory dam detour despite signs directing them to use San Moritz Way, which was widened to accommodate the expected detour traffic.

"San Moritz Drive residents have been inundated with traffic because so many drivers do not follow the detour route," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. "I am urging residents to be good neighbors and use the recommended detour as we complete this important project."

San Bernardino County closed Lake Drive over the Lake Gregory dam to accommodate state-mandated repairs to the 80-year-old earthen dam. Signs direct drivers to use San Moritz Drive and then San Moritz Way as a detour to communities on the east side of the lake, but some drivers have discovered a narrow section of San Moritz Drive is a quicker route to their side of the lake.

The County installed signs stating "Road Closed to Thru Traffic Local Residents Only," but in reality, public roads—paid for with gas tax money—cannot be closed to traffic outside of emergency situations, such as fires, floods, rockslides, etc.

The California Highway Patrol Arrowhead Station and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department's Twin Peaks station are doing additional patrols in the area in light of the cut-thru traffic.

"Barring any unforeseen issues, we're just months away from completing the dam and getting Lake Drive open again," Rutherford said. "I know the suggested detour adds a little time to drivers' trips, but it's the safer route and your mountain neighbors on San Moritz Drive would really appreciate you using the detour route."

Visit www.abetterlakegregory.org for more information about the Lake Gregory dam repair project.