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Lytle Creek No-Parking Zone Prompted by Residents' Concerns

SAN BERNARDINO—August 7, 2013—Concerns about the safety of Lytle Creek visitors prompted the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to adopt new parking restrictions along the recreation area's main access road.

“A group of concerned Lytle Creek residents contacted my office about visitors of all ages darting through traffic on Lytle Creek Road to get to the creek,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. “We got County Public Works and the San Bernardino County National Forest Front Country Ranger District involved in the discussion and came up with a plan to help make the area safer for visitors and for residents driving to their homes.”

On Tuesday, Supervisors approved a 1.3-mile no-parking zone on the mountain-facing side of Lytle Creek Road from Ranger Station Road to 400 feet south of South Fork Road. Visitors will still be allowed to park along the creek-side of the road along this stretch.

Public Works recommended the no-parking zone after determining several portions of Lytle Creek Road are too narrow to safely allow parking. The department also determined there are no identifiable crossing points where visitors can safely cross the road.

In addition to improving safety for visitors, the no-parking zone will also keep the east side of Lytle Creek Road clear for emergency vehicles that have to respond to incidents along the heavily visited creek.

“On most weekends, many day-users park opposite of the creek and cross the road with children to recreate in Lytle Creek, which creates a very dangerous situation,” Lytle Creek Community Center President Tim Arner said. “The Lytle Creek Community Centers asks day-use visitors to abide by all signed rules and to show respect for Lytle Creek residents, other visitors and the canyon environment. The National Forest is the people's forest; it's everyone's responsibility to see that it remains a beautiful place so people will want to return and enjoy!”

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