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Greetings Intrepid Hikers,

I just received a phone call from Mickey. He says to ignore his last e-mail regarding the hike. He has later info that Highway 39 is, in part, closed.

I checked with Caltrans and received this:

This highway information is the latest reported as of Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 12:26 .

SR 39

[IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA]  
IS CLOSED 4.5 MI SOUTH OF ISLIP SADDLE (LOS ANGELES CO) - DUE TO  
STORM DAMAGE - MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE

Mickey and I agreed that it would be best to avoid potential problems on SR-39 due to the fire. Therefore an alternate hike was selected.

From La Canada, on the 210, turn north on SR-2, Angeles Crest Highway, to Red Box. At Red Box there are a number of trails. There is Mount Disappointment or a shuttle could be arranged for Switzer's or the Strawberry Peak trail is available to be explored. In fact there are a number of options. When we get there we can make our choices.

This will become an extemporaneous adventure.

Bring an FR radio, plenty of water and a real whistle; not one of those little peewee toys that some of you are carrying. Be Prepared.

Mike