The background of the image shows a night-time emergency scene. In the foreground, a dark car is partially visible on the left. In the middle ground, a police officer in a dark uniform stands on the right, facing left. Another person is visible in the background near a line of cars with their headlights on. The sky is dark with a red and orange glow, suggesting a fire or explosion. The overall atmosphere is urgent and dramatic.

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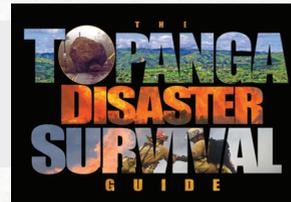
INTRODUCTION

Topanga is unique – both in terms of its community spirit and natural beauty – but natural beauty comes with a price. The same forces of ecology and geography that make Topanga one of the most spectacular places in Southern California have also made it particularly vulnerable to natural disasters such as wildfires.

This guide lays out the information you will need when asked to evacuate Topanga in an emergency. It is a companion to the more comprehensive Topanga Disaster Survival Guide, which details how you can Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from a disaster. Keep this guide in your car or close at hand so you will have actionable information when you need it most.

You can download additional copies of the Topanga Evacuation Guide and the Topanga Disaster Survival Guide at: TopangaSurvival.com.

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COMMUNICATION SOURCES

It is best to have multiple sources of information to guide you through a disaster. Where possible, it is important you sign up for push notifications, text and email alerts, and download apps to your phone. To receive these “Real-Time” Emergency Updates, see the list on the following pages.



HOW TO GET EVACUATION ALERTS? One of the primary ways Topangans can be notified is through Los Angeles County’s mass notification system. It will send notifications via phone and/or landline telling residents the best way to navigate the canyon during an evacuation. Listed and unlisted landlines are automatically in the alert system. You must enroll in the Alert LA County service at ready.lacounty.gov/alerts to receive email, voice and text notification on your cell phone, VOIP phones and additional email addresses.



WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A POWER OUTAGE/PSPS? Communication channels in Topanga, including internet, cell phones, TV, and VOIP phones all depend on electrical power. If there is a power outage, such as Edison proactively turning off the power with a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), you may not be able to receive emergency alerts. For SCE/PSPS outages: <https://www.sce.com/outages>.

If you install backup power (battery or generator) for the communication router and the optical network terminal (ONT) at your home, you may be able to maintain internet and phone connections if your provider continues to supply service to your home. To learn more about backup power options, go to: tcep.org/about-tcep-resources and scroll to POWER OUTAGES.

REAL-TIME EMERGENCY UPDATES

The following resources make every effort to provide real-time information during emergencies.

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness (TCEP) Since 1994</p> 	<p> TCEP.org/EmergencyStatus</p> <p> HOTLINE: 310-455-3000</p> <p> @TCEP90290</p> <p> FRS/GMRS Radio Top-of-the-Hour reports</p>	<p>TCEP's Emergency Status web page provides real time incident updates.</p> <p>TCEP's Hotline provides recorded incident updates that reflect information on the web page. During major fires, the HOTLINE may be answered by live operators.</p> <p>TCEP X posts can be pushed to your cell phone. For instructions, go to: tcep.org/about-tcep-resources and scroll to SOCIAL MEDIA/MOBILE HOW-TO-GUIDES.</p> <p>In major wildfire incidents, TCEP will attempt to transmit incident updates at the top of each hour on FRS radio channel 15. This is LISTEN ONLY. After listening to the Top of the Hour report, switch to your local neighborhood FRS channel to share information with your TCEP Neighborhood Network. To find your zone and assigned FRS channel by street, see pages 36-41.</p>
<p>Alert LA County</p> 	<p> ready.lacounty.gov/alerts</p>	<p>Sign up for Alert LA County to receive real-time evacuation information. Voicemail, text, and email alerts can be pushed via mobile phone and landline.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>Genasys Protect</p> 	<p> protect.genasys.com</p> <p> Genasys Protect app</p>	<p>Genasys Protect provides the community with critical evacuation updates by Zone. Enter your Topanga address to find your Zone number.</p> <p>Monitor the Genasys mobile app for evacuation and repopulation notices.</p>
<p>PulsePoint Respond</p> 	<p> PulsePoint Response App</p> <p> pulsepoint.org/download</p>	<p>Alerts you to reports of fire starts and other emergencies based on reported 911 calls.</p> <p>To set up the app for brush fires in the Santa Monica Mountains, go to: tcep.org/about-tcep-resources > SOCIAL MEDIA/MOBILE HOW-TO-GUIDES.</p>
<p>LA County Sheriff Lost Hills Station</p> 	<p> 818-878-1808</p> <p> @LHSLASD</p> <p>nixle Text your zip code to 888777</p>	<p>Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issues evacuation warnings and orders based on the Fire Department's disaster assessment. The Sheriff's Dept. is responsible for coordinating road closures during an incident.</p> <p>In an emergency dial 911 first!</p>
<p>Watch Duty</p> <p>WATCH DUTY</p>	<p> https://www.watchduty.org/</p>	<p>Watch Duty is real-time wildfire tracking and alert platform. It utilizes a combination of official data sources and human monitoring by volunteers.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>Caltrans Highway Conditions</p> 	 QuickMap.dot.ca.gov  @CaltransDist7  Caltrans QuickMap app	<p>Check road conditions for Topanga Canyon Blvd. (SR 27) and PCH (SR 1). Download the Caltrans QuickMap cell phone app to find current traffic conditions and road closures.</p>
<p>KNX News Radio</p> 	 Station 1070 AM or 97.1 FM on your radio	<p>KNX News Radio often pushes out county evacuation information. Battery-powered AM radios, including the radio in your car, are sources of information during power outages.</p>
<p>NOAA Fire Alert Radio</p> 	 ready.lacounty.gov/emergency-notifications/	<p>Alerts for non-weather alert events like wildfires will originate from LA County public safety agencies and be broadcast on local transmitters on NOAA Weather Alert Radios by the National Weather Service. On the website, scroll to WEATHER RADIO ALERTS for more info.</p> <p>When the power is out, this battery backup radio may be your only source of emergency information.</p>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>LA County</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  911 (Life-Threatening Emergencies)  211 (Disaster Hotline)  988 (Mental Health Hotline)  County of Los Angeles Public Health 888-700-9995  pw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/  lacounty.gov/emergency/  ready.lacounty.gov/alerts 	<p>Numbers to call for LA County programs, essential services, county road closures, and other emergency information.</p>
<p>American Red Cross LA Region</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles.html  310-394-3773  @RedCrossLA  Text GETEMERGENCY to 90999 	<p>To find open shelters or to learn how to get in touch with loved ones if you are separated during a disaster, visit the website, and click GET HELP.</p> <p>You can also download the Red Cross Emergency app to seek shelter locations and register for I'M SAFE when trying to connect with family. To find I'M SAFE, click PREPARE, then TOOLKIT.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>California Highway Patrol (CHP) West Valley</p> 	<p> cad.chp.ca.gov/traffic.aspx (traffic page)</p> <p> 323-259-3200 - To report non-emergency (24 hours)</p> <p> 818-888-0980 - To ask questions (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm)</p> <p> 911 - EMERGENCY</p> <p> @CHPWestValley</p> <p> CHP Incidents app</p>	<p>Traffic page lists all reported incidents by area.</p> <p>Download the CHP Incidents app for current traffic hazards and collisions.</p>
<p>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</p> 	<p> fema.gov</p> <p> FEMA app</p> <p> On an Android device, text ANDROID to 43362 (4FEMA)</p> <p> On an Apple device, text APPLE to 43362 (4FEMA)</p>	<p>Federal government agency that supports citizens and first responders during and after disasters. Download the mobile phone app to receive real-time weather alerts, shelter information, and when available, apply for disaster assistance.</p>
<p>CalFire Incident Map</p> 	<p> fire.ca.gov/incidents</p>	<p>CalFire responds to wildland fires across California. The website shows a map of all current wildfires over 10 acres.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>LA County Animal Care & Control</p> 	<p> animalcare.lacounty.gov</p> <p> 818-991-0071 (Agoura Hills Shelter)</p> <p> agoura@animalcare.lacounty.gov</p> <p> Agoura Hills Animal Shelter 29525 Agoura Road, Agoura, CA 91301</p>	<p>During a disaster, the Department of Animal Care & Control (DACC) team can provide shelter and care for displaced animals when their owners may be housed at a temporary shelter. DACC also provides a system for identifying and reuniting animals with owners after an emergency event. Call or check social media to find large animal shelter locations during an emergency incident.</p>
<p>LA County Fire Department</p> 	<p> @LACoFDPIO (Public Information Officer)</p> <p> @LACoFD_Div7</p> <p> 310-456-5783 (Red Flag Hotline)</p> <p> Ready, Set, Go! https://fire.lacounty.gov/rsg/</p>	<p>Find information about active fires in unincorporated areas and contract cities in LA County.</p> <p>Follow on X (formerly Twitter) for current information during a disaster.</p> <p>The Ready, Set, Go! Program is designed to walk you through the steps to take to ensure you are prepared in the case of an approaching wildfire.</p>
<p>LA County Supervisor's Office 3rd District</p> 	<p> 818-880-9416 (West Valley/Mtn. Community Field Office)</p> <p> 213-974-3333 (Hall of Administration- Downtown)</p>	<p>The County Supervisor for the Third District is Topanga's local elected representative.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>National Weather Service (NOAA)</p> 	<p> weather.gov</p> <p> @NWSLosAngeles</p>	<p>Enter 90290 in the location box in the upper left corner, then bookmark the resulting page for Topanga.</p> <p>If “Red Flag Hazardous Weather Conditions” link is visible at top, click for more information.</p>
<p>Earthquake Alerts</p>  	<p> earthquake.ca.gov/get-alerts</p> <p> MyShake app</p> <p> QuakeFeed</p>	<p>Download the MyShake and Quake Feed apps to receive a warning of an earthquake up to several seconds before you feel shaking.</p>
<p>ReadyForWildfire.org CalFire</p> 	<p> incidents.readyforwildfire.org</p>	<p>Get accurate updates about active wildfires near you by signing up for text messages on: incidents.readyforwildfire.org</p>
<p>Alert California</p> 	<p> https://alertcalifornia.org/</p>	<p>Alert California uses a network of cameras deployed across California to detect wildfires early, providing firefighters with enhanced situational awareness and helping to prevent fires from spreading.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>69Bravo</p> 	 69Bravo.com	<p>Helispot above Topanga with weather station plus multiple field cameras and AI fire detection cameras.</p>
<p>So. California Earthquake Data Center at CalTech</p> 	 https://scedc.caltech.edu/	<p>SCEDC provides recent earthquake data in the SoCal region.</p>
<p>Southern California Edison (SCE)</p> 	 www.sce.com/outages  800-611-1911	<p>Call to report an outage, or to get information about an outage.</p> <p>Sign up to receive emails or text notifications about outages and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) alerts.</p>

NAME	CONTACT INFO	DESCRIPTION
<p>Topanga Animal Rescue</p> 	<p> topangaanimalrescue.org  310-455-7268</p>	<p>A local, all volunteer, 24/7 emergency response organization.</p>
<p>Topanga Disaster Survival Guide</p> 	<p> topangasurvival.com</p>	<p>Download emergency information detailing preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters in Topanga.</p>
<p>Topanga Evacuation Guide</p> 	<p> topangasurvival.com</p>	<p>Download this quick reference guide for evacuation procedures, maps, and guidelines.</p>
<p>Weather Underground</p> 	<p> wunderground.com  Wunderground app</p>	<p>Download the Wunderground app for free weather alert texts and access to weather information from more than a dozen micro weather stations in Topanga.</p>

It is crucial to take notice of Red Flag Warnings because they indicate there is a high risk of wildfires due to specific weather conditions. Awareness of this heightened risk enables residents to prepare for potential evacuations. If you have a family member with special needs, large or multiple animals, or other complex issues, be ready to put your emergency preparedness plan into action when Red Flag conditions exist.

WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING?

Red Flag Criteria requires dry fuels and any one of the following:

1. Relative Humidity 15 percent or less with either sustained winds 25 mph or greater or frequent gusts 35 mph or greater (duration of 6 hours or more).
2. Relative humidity 10 percent or less with either sustained winds 15 mph or greater or frequent gusts 25 mph or greater (duration of 6 hours or more).
3. Widespread and/or significant Dry Lightning.
4. Other (forecaster discretion) - unusual but significant meteorological and/or fuel conditions in coordination with GACC or local agency.

PDS (Particularly Dangerous Situation) Red Flag Warning

A PDS Red Flag Warning is an elevated level of warning for a specific, critical fire weather event, indicating an extreme risk of wildfires that have the potential for explosive growth, severe damage, and danger to life and property. It's a high-tier warning reserved for rare, exceptionally dangerous conditions that are significantly worse than a typical Red Flag Warning.

EVACUATION LEVELS

Early evacuation is a crucial component of emergency management, providing the best chance for protecting life, reducing injuries, and ensuring that emergency response efforts are as effective as possible. By prioritizing early evacuation, Topanga can enhance its resilience and ability to recover from disasters. Depending on weather conditions or power outages, you may or may not receive an Evacuation Order or Warning from Alert LA County. If conditions look threatening to life or property, then leave the canyon.

You live in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Since Topanga has limited routes for evacuation, don't wait to take action. It is imperative that you leave at the earliest notification of a wildfire threat. To help you prepare for evacuation, see the Evacuation Checklists on pages 26-34.

STANDARD STATEWIDE EVACUATION TERMINOLOGY



Evacuation Order



Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access.

Evacuation Warning



Potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and live-stock should leave now.

Shelter in Place



Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction.

Evacuation Order(s) Lifted:



The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation.

EVACUATION LEVELS

EVACUATION WARNING: “Get Ready To Leave!”

There is a potential threat to life and/or property. Those who require additional time to evacuate, and those with pets and livestock should leave now. If a warning is given assume an evacuation order will follow. Start gathering important items for your family and pets. If you have children in school, follow their school’s disaster plan. Contact family members and make sure they are ready to leave the canyon.

EVACUATION ORDER: “Leave Right Now!”

Immediate threat to life. This is a lawful order to leave now. The area is lawfully closed to public access. Failure to follow an Evacuation Order, a directive from the Sheriff and/or Fire Dept., could put your life, your neighbors life, along with firefighters and emergency responders, in jeopardy. Don’t wait for an Evacuation Order if you feel unsafe for any reason. Leave early to avoid being trapped by severe conditions.

SHELTER IN PLACE: “Seek Immediate Protection Wherever You Are!”

Shelter In Place occurs when conditions require you to seek protection in your home, place of work/ business, or other locations. Go indoors. Shut and lock doors and windows. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction. Public Safety Officials may direct you to take proactive actions and stay in your current location. This could mean it is more dangerous to attempt evacuation than to stay in your protected area. You may need to quickly assess current conditions and make a decision based upon those conditions. Prepare to self-sustain until further notice and/or contacted by emergency personnel for additional direction. For more detailed Shelter In Place information, see pages 22-24. Listen to real time updates for directions.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Know the Terminology Used by Law Enforcement for Canyon Road Closures

HARD CLOSURE: Closed to all traffic except Fire and Law Enforcement.

SOFT CLOSURE: Closed to all traffic except Fire, Law Enforcement and Critical Incident Resources (i.e. Utility, Caltrans, City/County Roads etc. or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure).

RESIDENT ONLY CLOSURE: Closed to all traffic except Fire, Law Enforcement, and critical Incident Resources or those needed to repair or restore infrastructure. Access is limited to residents with valid ID, including current Topanga Access Cards.

EVACUATION ORDER(S) LIFTED: The formal announcement of lifting evacuations in an area currently under evacuation. Once the threat has passed, law enforcement will begin repopulation when conditions are safe. See Repopulation on page 35.

If you delay, traffic will become heavily congested during an evacuation. The earlier you leave, the greater survival rate for you and the community.



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EVACUATION ROUTES

Leaving Topanga During an **Evacuation Warning** May Be the Safest Time for You and Your Family to Exit the Canyon

During an evacuation, follow the directions of law enforcement so they can direct you to the safest way out of the canyon. There may be different evacuation routes depending on fire behavior. Topanga Canyon Blvd is a two-lane highway. In an extreme event authorities may change normal traffic flow to both lanes exiting the canyon called “**Contraflow**”. Fire and law enforcement will direct residents to the safest routes out of the canyon based on the fire’s current location and behavior.



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Which Way Should You **Evacuate?**

IF YOU ARE HERE...	TAKE THESE ACTIONS...
In the northern end—Zones 1 through 6—of Old or New Topanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuate in a northbound direction. This will be the quickest route out of the Canyon and will reduce traffic congestion. • Proceed to a predetermined location outside the Canyon or a Regional Shelter.
In Zones 7, 8, or 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuate in a southbound direction on Topanga Canyon Blvd. to Pacific Coast Hwy.
Trapped by fire while in your car:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not stay in your car. A car is a shelter of last resort, they are highly flammable and toxic when burning. • Seek shelter behind a block wall, rock, or other noncombustible feature (not a vehicle). • If no shelter, select an area clear of traffic and vegetation. • Lie face down, cover your head, and shield yourself from the oncoming wind and searing heat of the fire. • You will find the most protection by lying in a ditch or other low area where the air is coolest. • Cover up and stay low! • Never attempt to outrun a wildfire—fires move faster than you can run.

These are only true under certain circumstances; please see pages 20-21

GETTING TO SAFETY

Always follow the direction of law and fire enforcement authorities. They will be the most informed on evacuation routes. As you evacuate, here are some driving tips:

- DO** take the car most capable of getting you out and with the fullest tank of gas.
- DO** turn on your headlights and wear your seatbelt.
- DO** close car windows and shut off air conditioning vents if it's smoky outside.
- DO** drive carefully at a safe speed and remain on the pavement.
- DO** stay calm and head to predesignated location you identified in your Family Emergency Plan.
- DO** stay informed. Keep your cell phone charged and tune to KNX News Radio 1070 AM or 97.1 FM.
- DO** evaluate whether to stay in your car or find another refuge area outside. Evacuating on foot is almost always more dangerous. Sometimes your car may provide some protection from heat, smoke, and embers. In an active fire where your car is in the direct path, it may be safer to find a low-lying ditch and lie down, especially if there is very little vegetation.



- DON'T** panic in traffic, as the roads will most likely be congested.
- DON'T** park or leave your vehicle in a traffic lane or safety area.
- DON'T** evacuate on fire roads or cross country trails where you might be exposed to burning vegetation. They are narrow, unstable, and contain dangerous debris which make them unsafe to navigate.
- DON'T** evacuate uphill or into open-space unless directed by fire or law enforcement authorities.
- DON'T** stop on "inside turns" where a drainage area, or unmaintained, unburned vegetation lies below the road.
- DON'T** abandon your car on the road, move it off the pavement, leave car keys in car. Park off the road if there is no other option for you to escape, or if your car is on fire.
- DON'T** place a wet cloth or bandana on your face, as radiant heat can create life threatening steam that may cause severe lung damage. You may get some relief from heat by wetting your clothing, but always keep a good supply of drinking water with you, at least 1 gallon minimum.
- DON'T** take independent action contrary to directions from Law & Fire.



EXITING THE CANYON DURING AN EVENT

Public Safety Officials will direct traffic based on the location of the fire and the need to keep roads clear for fire equipment. Know your Zone, use the Genasys Protect Mobile App and listen to the news before heading out.

Public Safety Officials may direct traffic to **Contraflow**. Contraflow is a temporary traffic arrangement, in which normal two-way traffic is temporarily changed to one-way only for evacuation using opposing lanes to expedite traffic flow and increase visibility.

Fire on the Roadside: If there is active fire next to the road you are driving on, it does not necessarily mean the road is impassable, as long as it has not been blocked by officials. You often can continue to drive when there is a fire burning on the roadside as long as you stay on the pavement. See Sheltering In Your Car on page 24.



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SHELTER IN PLACE

If you are given the order to Shelter In Place, or it's too late to evacuate safely, or you become trapped while evacuating, you may need to find a safe place that could protect you from life-threatening fire conditions. Shelter In Place means you might have to seek refuge wherever you may be at the time. That might be at your home, business, or while you are actively trying to evacuate. You will likely be the only person who will be able to determine what Shelter In Place options are available to you.

What to expect: A wildfire is extremely loud. It creates extreme heat, smoke, intense ember showers and high winds. Embers or firebrand can travel in the air for up to 2 miles ahead of the fire creating additional fires. Superheated air blasts often precede the advancing flame front.



When Sheltering in Place

When you are unable to evacuate and must choose to Shelter In Place:

- Be sure to protect your body, eyes, and airways
- Stay calm and focused
- Keep car keys, cell phone, ID, whistle, flashlight, and Go-Bag with you
- You may only need to shelter in place for as little as 20 minutes or up to few hours

Sheltering in a Structure

- Go inside the nearest building that is best able to withstand a fire. This may be your home, commercial building, or another building made of more fire-resistant materials or with more adequate defensible space.
- Shut doors and windows but keep them unlocked. Remove flammable materials from windows.
- Turn off the HVAC system to keep from pulling smoke into the building.
- Prepare yourself mentally for darkness, smoke, noise, chaos, and the natural urge to flee the safety of your shelter.
- Close fireplace dampers.
- Fill bathtubs and sinks with water.
- Go to an inside room, opposite the direction of the fire front, with as few windows or doors as possible. Make sure to have an exit plan for after the fire front passes you.
- Place wet blankets or towels around doors and window edges to seal from smoke.
- Stay near the floor (smoke and heat rise).
- Call someone and let them know your location, if possible.
- Stay in your shelter until contacted by emergency personnel or you feel it is safe to move to another location.
- Evaluate the structure for fire involvement.
- If the structure becomes involved in fire, go outside to an area clear of smoke and heat.
- Stay in this area until help arrives.



Sheltering in Your Car

Your car may or may not be considered a viable option. In cases when you are not in the direct line of fire, it can protect you from smoke, falling embers, and ash. If you are in the direct line of fire, don't try to outrun the flames, find a low-lying ditch or non-pavement area with little vegetation, cover up to avoid the fire. When directed or when the fire outside subsides, move to a safer location.

- Park off the roadway as far away from unburned vegetation as possible.
- Park in an outside turn if trapped on a hillside.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off the air vents and turn off the air conditioner. Seal vents if possible.
- Have your Go-Bag and first aid kit inside your car where you can easily reach it.
- Get below the windows and lie as close to the floor as possible to shelter yourself from radiant heat.
- Call someone and let them know your location.
- Tune your radio to KNX News Radio 1070 AM or 97.1 FM for current emergency information.



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- Stay in the vehicle until the fire front passes and the outside temperature has dropped. Then move to a safer area that has already burned.

Taking Refuge in Open Areas

- If there are no suitable structures nearby, find an area clear of traffic and vegetation (but not on a road), lie face down and cover your head. You will find the most protection by lying in a ditch or other low area where the air is cooler.
- Stay low to the ground and protect your eyes and airways.

<https://tinyurl.com/Howtoevac>

Evacuating Early

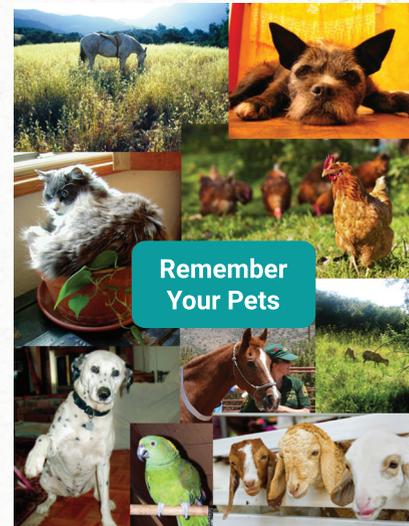
When you receive a Fire Weather Watch, Red Flag, or Evacuation Warning notice plan to Evacuate Early!

Gathering and loading animals and helping those with special needs will take much longer than you think. The earlier you evacuate, the more time you will have to gather important items and the greater your chance for survival.

When you see smoke in the distance, you may not have much time to gather a lot of things. With the fire's unpredictability and changing conditions, you have very little time to act. Evacuating early is the better choice.

EVACUATION CHECKLISTS

**The time to evacuate may change at a moment's notice.
Move quickly through the lists.**



**Remember
Your Pets**



Evacuating Early - Large Animals

Checklist #1

EVACUATION: LARGE ANIMALS

Many animals resist trailering, so plan ahead & evacuate early.

LIVESTOCK & HORSES

- Load horses and other large animals in trailers
- Take supplies (halter, rope, etc.)
- Take food & water
- Take medication, medical records.
- ID - Make sure animal has physical ID attached

For animal shelter information, see the REAL-TIME EMERGENCY CONTACTS in this guide (LA County Animal Care & Control or TCEP)



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Evacuating Early - Special Needs/Complex Issues

Checklist #2

EVACUATION : SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS

Evacuating special needs individuals early is essential: Special medical condition, homebound, or no transportation. Plan ahead.

SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS AND COMPLEX ISSUES

- Medical devices & supplies
- Medications & prescriptions
- Medical records & insurance cards
- Medical alert/ID tags
- Mobility/assisted devices
- Special dietary considerations
- Doctors contact list

GO! YOU MUST EVACUATE NOW!

Conditions outside are threatening or you've received an EVACUATION ORDER from Alert LA County, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, or other official source.

Use the Evacuation Time Table Guidelines below to help you best manage your time.



Evacuating - 5 Minutes or Less

Checklist #3

TIME TO EVACUATE: 5 minutes or less

Most likely you will only have time to protect yourself, family and pets. You probably won't have time to gather up many other items.

Take this TOPANGA EVACUATION GUIDE with you.

THERE'S NO TIME - GET OUT NOW!

- Know your evacuation route. Tell household members the agreed upon 'safe meeting place', far from the fire area, outside Topanga. Identify your out-of-area or state contact person.
 - If you cannot drive yourself, call your local emergency contact or neighbor and arrange to evacuate together.
 - Grab your wallet/purse, car/house keys, and cell phone
 - Load your pre-packed "Go-Bag" into the car
 - Load family and pets, then get to a safe place outside of Topanga or the fire-threatened area.
 - If you have extra time, see checklist #4
- **Follow the evacuation route designated by county officials.**
 - **Get current evacuation information on KNX News 1070 AM or 97.1 FM radio and from Alert LA County.**
 - **If you have no time to evacuate, then Shelter In Place. See pages 22-24 in this guide.**

Evacuating - 30 Minutes

Checklist #4

TIME TO EVACUATE: 30 minutes

Add more time for multiple people, pets and large animals.

Don't wait until you receive the official order to evacuate. Topanga has limited egress, so roads will be congested.

LIMITED TIME TO ACT.

Complete items from checklist above and add the following:

- Dress appropriately. Wear only cotton or wool clothing, including: long sleeve collared shirt and/or heavy jacket, heavy duty pants, sturdy boots, hat, leather work gloves
- Wear a N95 mask, full coverage goggles, and cotton bandana to minimize smoke inhalation (or wear a full-face fire hood). Pull back long hair
- If time allows, take your computer, backup or flash drives, chargers. *But don't risk your life to grab 'things'
- Park vehicle in driveway or garage facing out. Put keys in the ignition (or safe place). Roll up car windows
- Prep small animals with leashes or harnesses, collars and ID tags and place in carriers

Evacuating - 1 to 3 Hours

Checklist #5

TIME TO EVACUATE: 1 to 3 hours

Packing extra things from your home takes more time. Only do this if the threat of fire is not close by. These steps can be taken before or during an EVACUATION WARNING stage.

Hopefully, you already have most of these things prepacked in a Go-Bag.

Leave your home after packing the car with valuables or keep the car in the garage to prevent theft.

LOAD ADDITIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS.

Complete items from checklist 3 & 4, and add the following:

- Medications, medical equipment and supplies, glasses, first aid kit, small fire extinguisher
- Family food and water
- Pet food and water
- Bank safe deposit key, any additional keys
- Flash drives and/or backup drive, digital photos
- Current photo of each family member and pet (it might be needed if they are lost)
- Computer, cell phone, tablets and chargers

Evacuating - 1 to 3 Hours (Cont'd)

Checklist #5

**TIME TO EVACUATE:
1 to 3 hours**

LOAD ADDITIONAL PERSONAL ITEMS.

Complete items from checklist 3 & 4, and add the following:

- Important documents: Identification Property deed & title
- Personal property records/photos Wills/trusts/contracts
- Passport Birth/death/divorce certificate Power of attorney
- Medical records Insurance card/social security card/
medicare card Checkbook & bills
- Photo albums, paintings, family heirlooms, memorabilia
- Jewelry and other valuables
- HAM/GMRS radio & antenna, FRS walkie-talkies
- Whistle or horn
- Flashlight and batteries or charger cable

Evacuating - 3 to 6 Hours

Checklist #6:

TIME TO EVACUATE: 3 to 6 hours

If possible, evacuate all family members not essential for preparing the house for wildfire or other disaster—and only stay if the fire conditions are not threatening.

Take these steps only after you have, 1) secured your family and pets, and 2) loaded your personal items.

EVACUATION IS ANTICIPATED. IF THERE IS TIME, SECURE YOUR HOME.

Complete the above checklists, and add the following:

INDOOR PREP

- Close windows and all interior doors.
- Close or block off doggie doors.
- Cover any exterior vents or other wall holes.
- Raise shades and remove lightweight, non fire-resistant curtains.
- Close fire-resistant drapes, shutters and blinds.
- Close fireplace dampers.
- Move flammable furniture, doormats, brooms and other flammable items into the center of the room away from windows and glass doors.
- Shut off HVAC and ceiling fans.
- Turn on indoor and outdoor lights to increase visibility of home in heavy smoke.

Evacuating - 3 to 6 Hours (Cont'd)

Checklist #6 (cont'd):

TIME TO EVACUATE:
3 to 6 hours

SECURING YOUR HOME (cont'd)

Complete the above checklists and add the following:

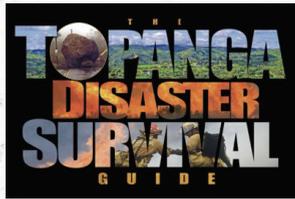
OUTDOOR PREP

- Disconnect automatic garage door opener for quick access for yourself and emergency personnel.
- Turn off the main propane tank. Turn off BBQ and other portable tanks. Move at least 15' away from combustibles.
- Place combustible items (patio furniture, plastic garbage pails, door mats, toys, etc.) inside garage or at least 30 feet away from structure or throw into pool.
- Connect garden hoses to outside taps for use by firefighters.
- Fill garbage cans and buckets with water and place in front of house.
- Don't leave sprinklers on or water running—they are ineffective and can reduce critical water pressure for your home and neighborhood. Pre-wetting your roof will not help.
- Erect ladders around the house for use by the firefighters.
- Turn on indoor and outdoor lights to increase visibility of home in heavy smoke.
- Leave signage for firefighters indicating personal firefighting equipment and supplies you have on your property.

After You Evacuate

Refer to:

**TopangaSurvival.com
for more Response and
Recovery information**



- Contact a family member and/or your designated out-of-town/state person about your condition and location.
- Use this guide's REAL-TIME UPDATES (pages 6-14) to stay informed about the emergency, current evacuation orders, repopulation, and available shelters.



Repopulation

It may take days or weeks before you can safely return home. Even after the fire danger has passed, safety checks must be completed before residents can return. Roads and utilities need to be inspected before repopulation. Law enforcement will only allow access when it's safe. Some areas may remain closed longer than others. The goal is to get you home safely, but it will take time.

At roadblocks, you must show a current photo ID with your address to re-enter the area. Acceptable IDs include a Topanga Resident Access Card, driver's license, or utility bill. Be patient, as roadblock personnel may not be familiar with the area. Once allowed back, proceed with caution as roads may have debris.

Utilities may not be restored immediately, so consider delaying overnight stays until they are. Businesses may also take longer to reopen due to dependencies on supplies and staff from outside the area. Residents can find out when Evacuation Orders are lifted by checking TCEP, Genasys Protect, and other sources listed on the Real-Time Emergency Updates, pages 6-8.



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TOPANGA STREETS, TACTICAL ZONES & ASSIGNED FRS CHANNELS

Zones Begin as TOP-U then the zone number*

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Alpine Trail	009	10
Alta Drive	003	10
Altaridge Drive	003	10
Amy Way	007	13
Apache	001	8
Applefield Lane	008	14
Arteique Road	004	10
Aztec	001	8
Bainum Drive	009	10
Banlynn Court	001	12
Basin Drive	009	10
Bellini Drive	001	12
Betton Way	009	14
Bilberry Road	008	14
Black Ridge Road	009	14
Bonilla Drive	006	9
Bonnell Drive	005	12
Bowers Drive	009	10
Briza Way	003	9

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Brookings Trail	002	12
Brunnell Court	001	12
Burson Road	002	8
California Trail	004	10
Callado Way	003	10
Callon Drive	004	9
Canon Drive	003	9
Canon View Trail	006	12
Canyon Trail	006	12
Castle Top Trail	006	12
Cave Way	009	10
Cereza Way	003	10
Chagall Road	001	12
Chamera Lane	002	8
Chart Trail	004	10
Cheney Drive	004	9
Cherokee	001	8
Circle Trail	006	12
Clear Trail	004	9

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Colina Drive	007	13
Comanche	001	8
Comida Way	003	10
Coolhill Trail	006	11
Coral Sea Terrace	006	12
Corsham Road	003	10
Corvo Way	003	10
Cow Trail	004	10
Creek Trail	004	12
Crooked Trail	004	10
Croydon Lane	009	14
Cuesta Cala Road	007	13
Deerhill Trail	004	10
Dome Trail	006	12
Eden Road	007	13
Encina Road	007	13
Entrada Road	007	13
Entrado Drive	003	10
Fabuco Road	009	14

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Falls Drive	009	10
Fermi Drive	001	12
Fernwood Pacific Drive	009	10/14
Fir Ridge Drive	008	14
Fontaine Road	006	12
Glen Road	005	12
Glen Trail	006	12
Goldstone Road	006	12
Grand View Drive	009	10
Greenbluff Drive	007	13
Greenleaf Canyon Road	006	9/11
Gunnison Trail	002	12
Halsey Road	002	8
Happy Trail	003	10
Harrow Road	009	14
Hawks Nest Trail	009	10
Heidi Lane	001	12
Helmet Trail	004	10
Henry Ridge Mtwy	002	8/12

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Highvale Trail	006	12
Hillcrest Drive	009	10
Hillcrest Drive (East)	006	9
Hillcrest Drive (West)	006	11
Hodgson Circle Drive	002	8
Hodler Drive	001	12
Hondo Canyon Road	005	12
Horseshoe Drive	009	10
Imperial Trail	003	10
Inspiration Trail	009	10
Iowa Trail	004	10
Jando Drive	002	12
Jolly Trail	003	10
Keller Road	004	10
Kenwyn Court	001	12
Kerry Lane	009	14
Koontz Way	003	10
Kim Trail	006	12
Las Flores Hts Road	008	14

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Liberty Lane	003	10
Lighthill Drive	001	12
Lookout Trail	009	10
Luse Tank Mtwy	003	9
Marquette Drive	002	8
Medley Lane	009	14
Mendenhall Court	001	12
Minard Road	008	14
Mohawk	001	8
Montau Drive	009	10
Monte Vista Drive	007	13
Mountain View Trail	009	10
Mount Prospect Drive	002	8
Muerdago Road	007	13
Mulholland Drive	001	10
Navajo	001	8
Nesbit Road	002	8
Neuz Way	003	10
Nutrir Way	003	10

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Oak Drive	002	12
Oakwood Drive (South)	006	11
Oakwood Drive (North)	003	10
Observation Drive	009	14
Old Church Road	007	13
Oldfield Ranch Road	003	11
Old Topanga Canyon Rd (1-642)	007	13
Old Topanga Canyon Rd (643-1381)	005	12
Old Topanga Canyon Rd (1382-3131)	002	12/8
Ozark Walk	004	10
Paradise Lane	004	9
Parkhouse Lane	008	14
Parkway Trail	009	10
Pawnee Lane	001	8
Peak Trail	009	10
Penny Road	004	9
Plain Trail	006	12
Poquito Lane	007	13
Portage Circle Drive	002	8

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Powderhorn Road	007	13
Prier Road	006	9
Pueblo Lane	001	8
Red Bluff Drive	006	12
Red Rock Road	005	12
Reigate Road	009	14
Riding Lane/Trail	007	13
Robinson Road	006	12
Rochemont Drive	004	9
Rock Trail	006	12
Rock View Terrace	008	14
Rocky Ledge Trail/Road	009	14
Rosario Drive	006	9
Rose Lane	005	12
Rosetta Drive	006	9
Rossini Place	001	12
Rubicon Road	003	10
Sabina Drive	009	14
Sadie Road	008	14

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Saddle Peak Road	008	14
Santa Maria Road	004	10
Schweitzer Drive	001	12
Shady Lane	006	9
Short Trail	009	10
Shuttle Lane	009	14
Sischo Drive	009	10
Skyhawk Lane	009	14
Skyline Trail	009	10
Stanfield Drive	002	8
Stites Drive	009	14
Stoneford Court	001	12
Stonewall Trail	006	11
Summer Hill Ranch Road	004	10
Summit Drive	009	10
Summit Pointe Drive	001	12
Summit Road	006	11
Summit Trail	006	12
Sunken Trail	009	10

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Sunset Trail	009	10
Supi Lane	001	8
Swenson Drive	008	14
Sycamore Trail	002	12
Sylvania Lane	004	9
Tiger Trail	004	10
S. Topanga Canyon Blvd (1-351), 352-625 even)	007	10
S. Topanga Canyon Blvd (352-625 odd), (626-3000)	009	10
N. Topanga Canyon Blvd (1-499)	007	13
N. Topanga Canyon Blvd (500-1313)	006	12/9
N. Topanga Canyon Blvd (1314-2032 odd), (2033-3099)	003	10
N. Topanga Canyon Blvd (1314-2032 even)	004	12
N. Topanga Canyon Blvd (3100-4258)	001	8
Topanga School Road	007	13
Topanga Skyline Drive - Lower	002	12
Topanga Skyline Drive - Upper	002	8
Trophy Trail	006	12
Tuna Canyon Road (1600-2400)	009	14
Tuna Canyon Road (2424-3500)	008	14

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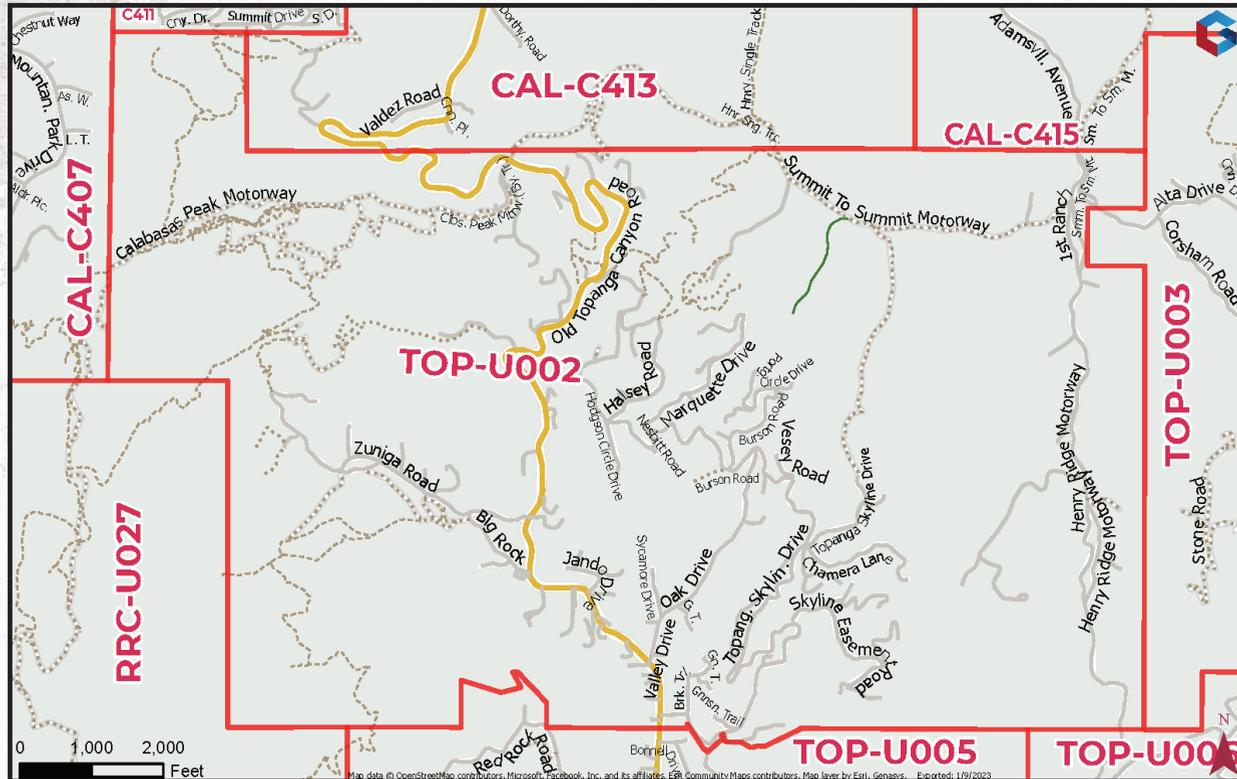
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Twinslope Trail	004	10
Valley Drive	002	12
Valley View Drive	009	10
Van Allen Place	001	12
Vesey Road	002	8
Viewridge Road	001	12
Vision Drive	009	10
Vision Trail	009	10
Vista Del Mar Road	009	14
Voltaire Drive	001	12
Vulcan Lane	009	14

STREET NAME	ZONE	FRS
Walnut Trail	009	10
Waveview Drive	007	13
Webb Trail	009	10
West Trail	003	10
Will Geer Road (1370-1850)	003	10/11
Will Geer Road (1250-1300)	006	10/11
Willow Drive	005	12
Winfield Road	006	12
Yule Lane	006	12
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Zuniga Road	006	12

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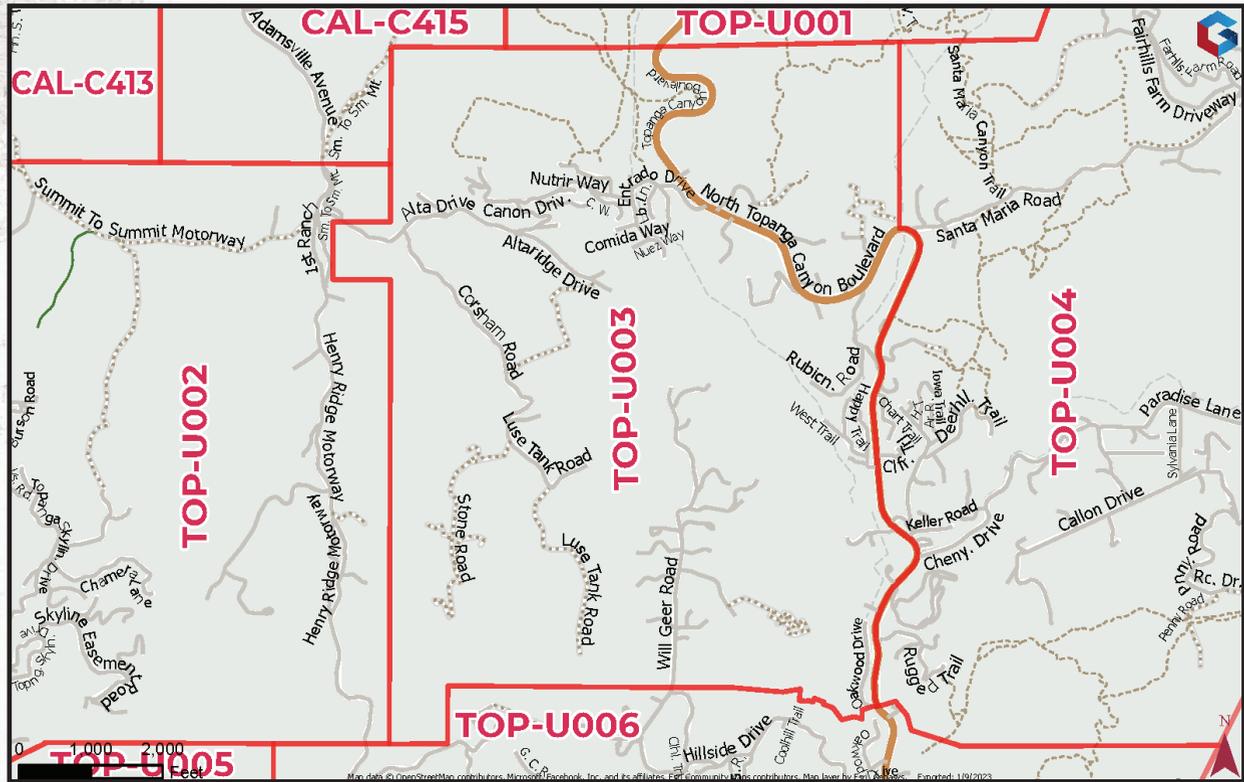
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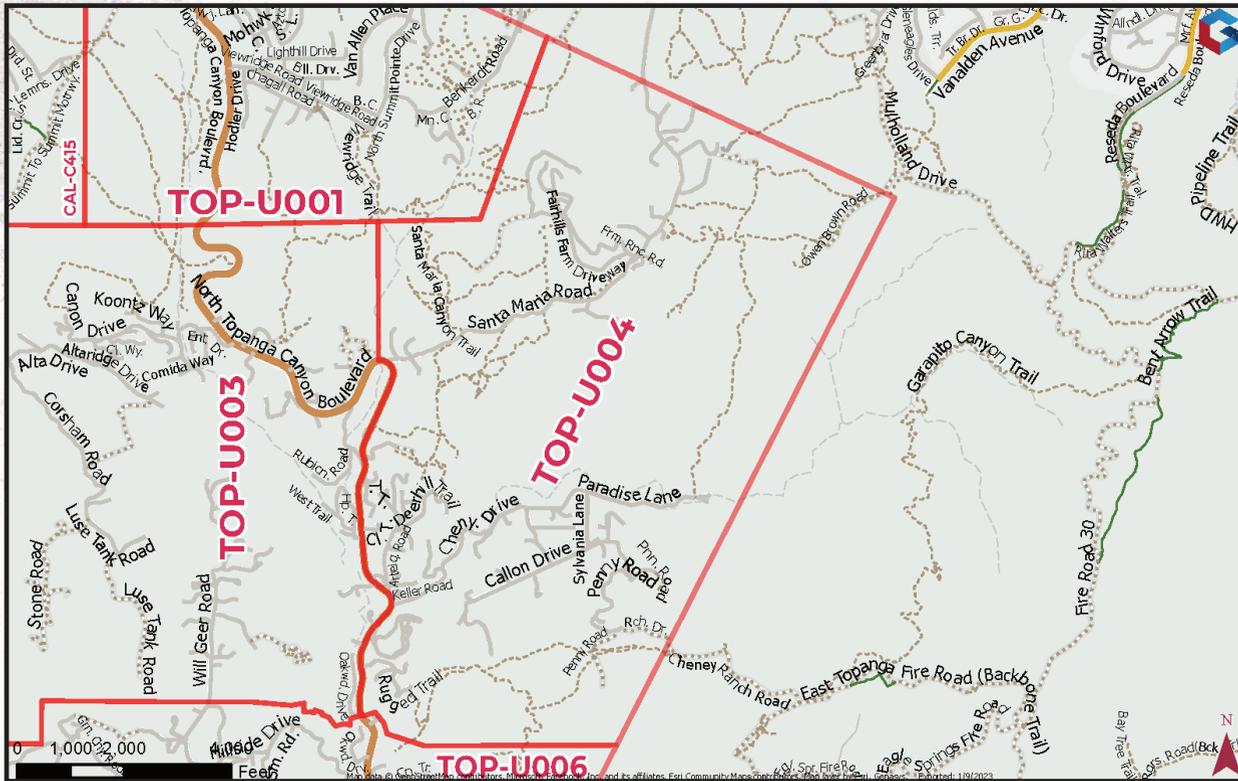


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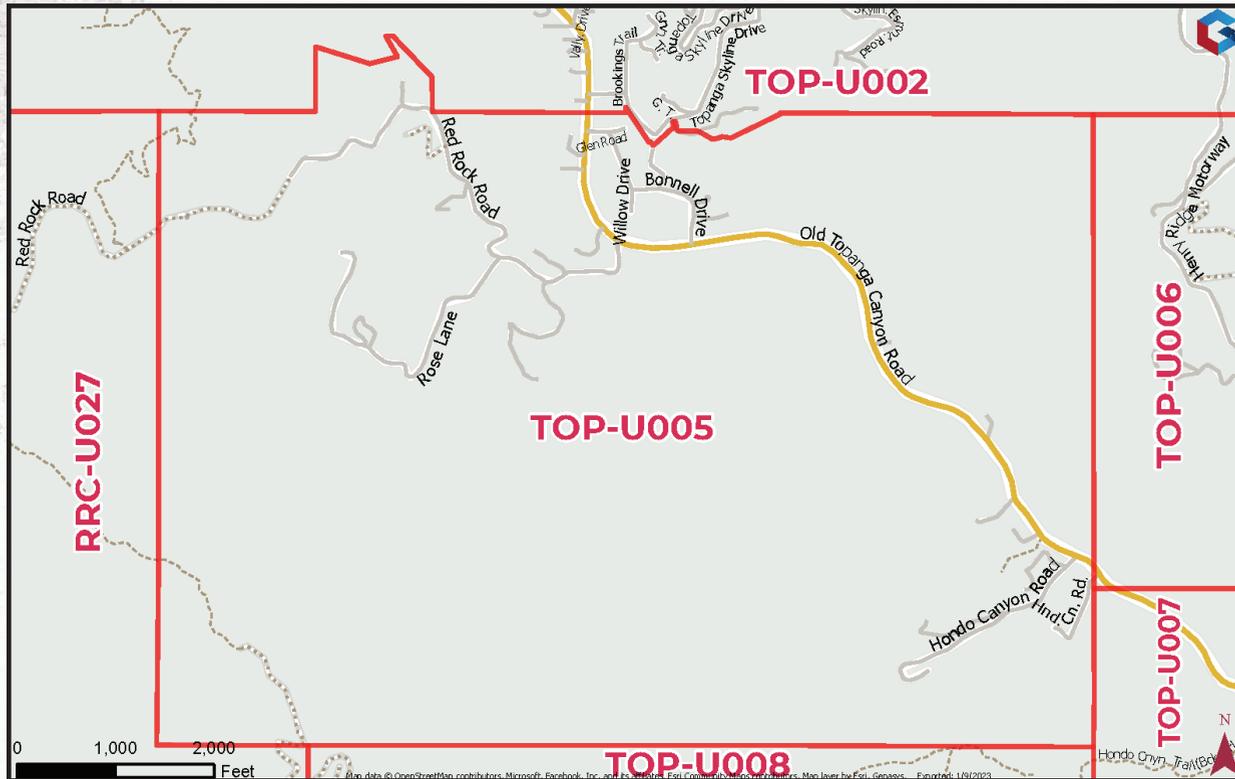
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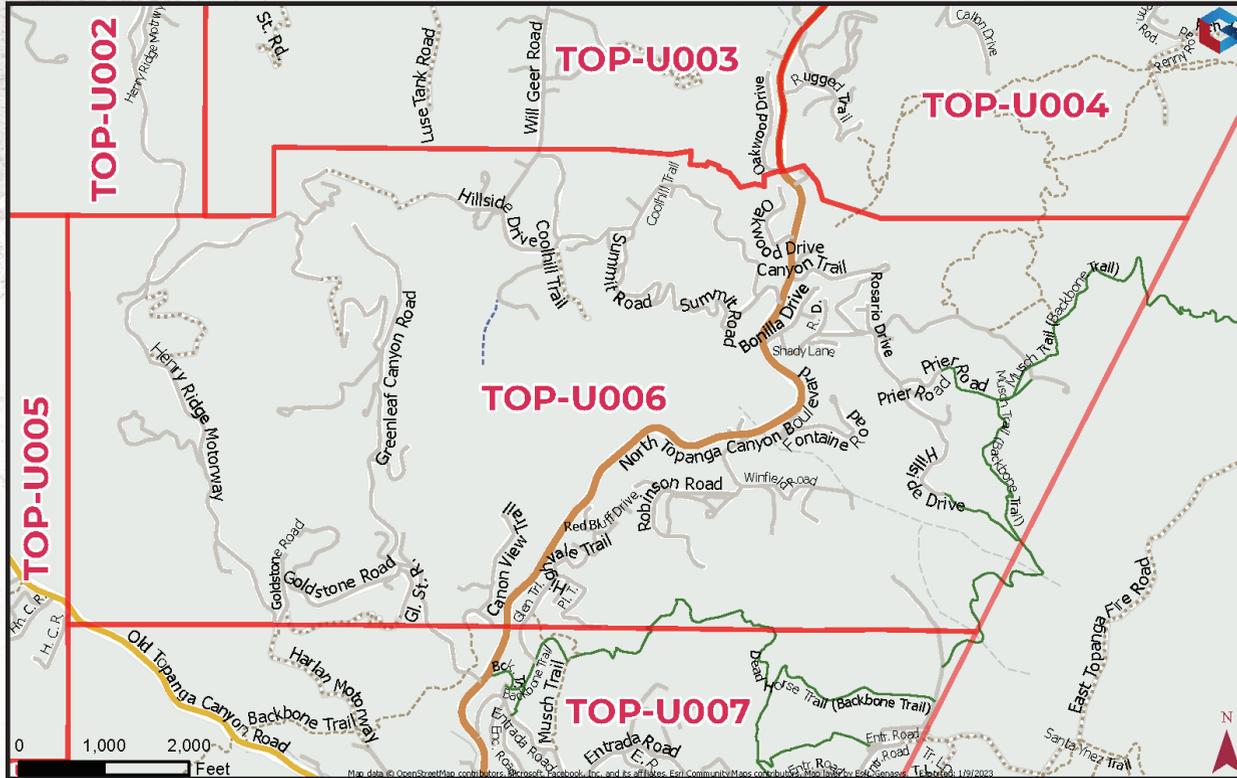
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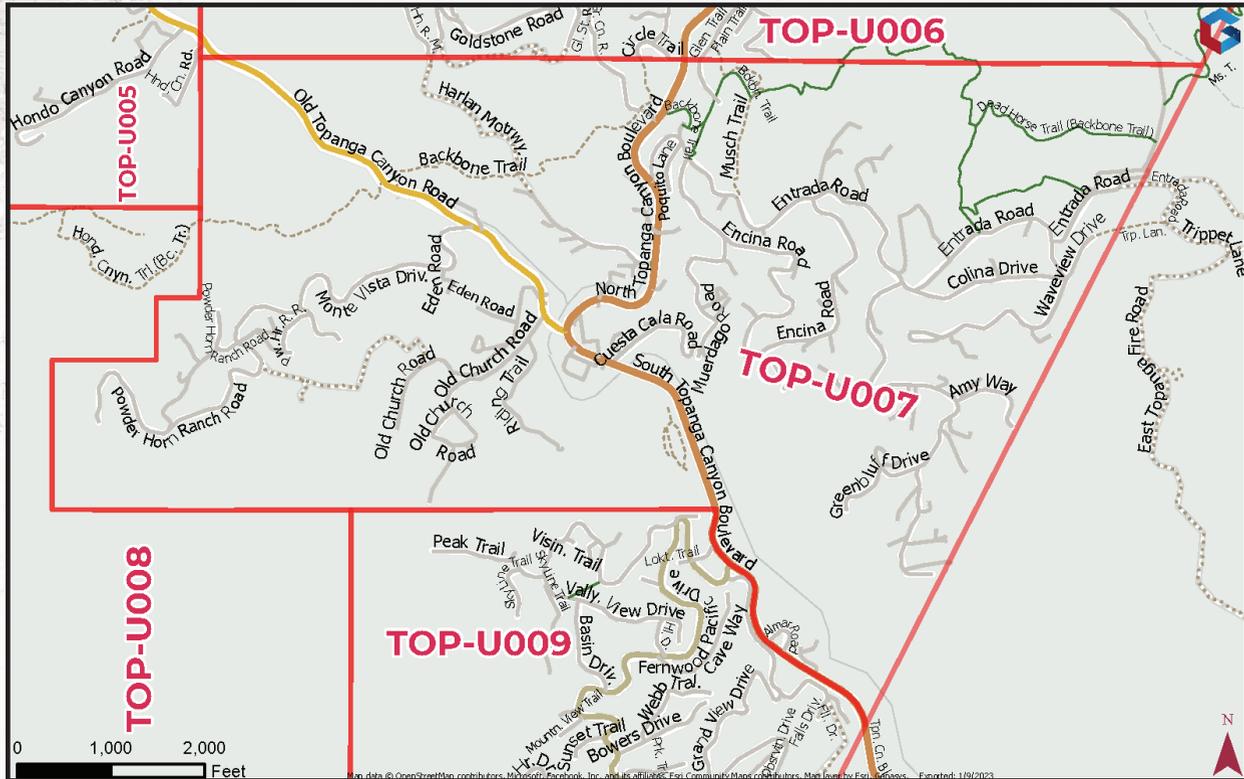
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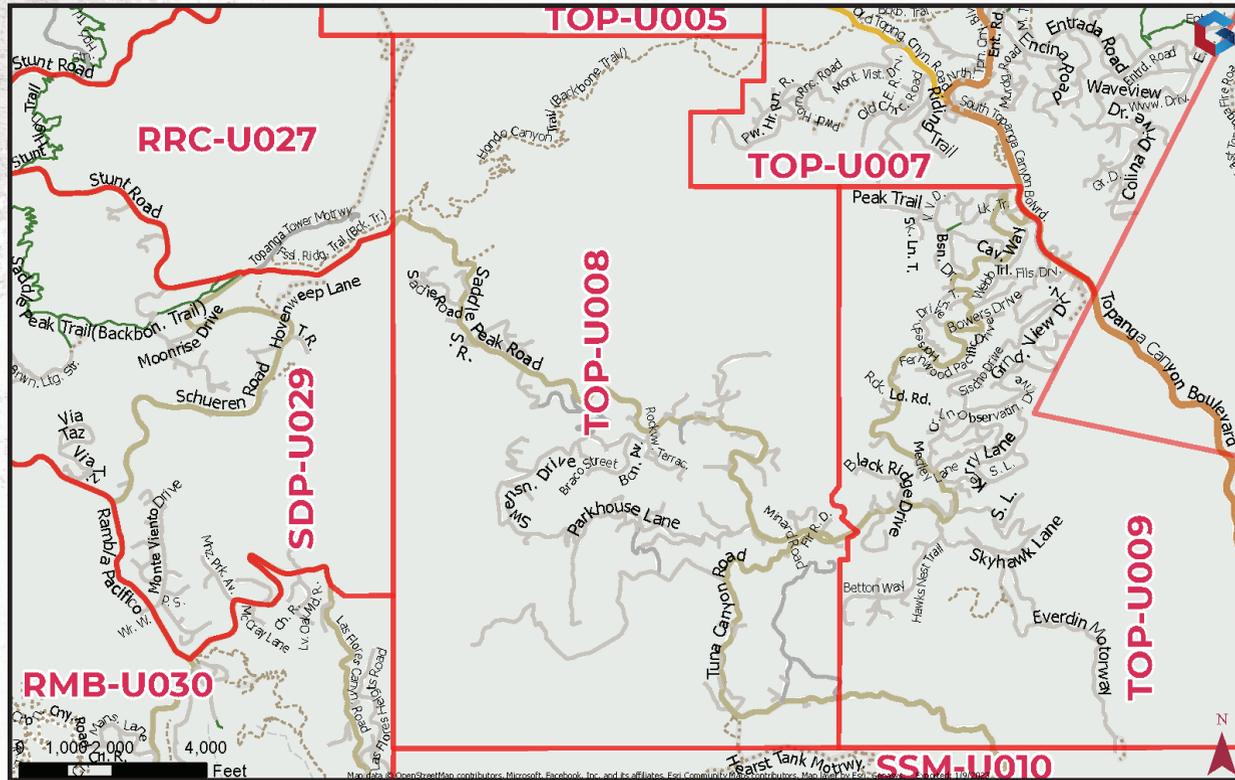
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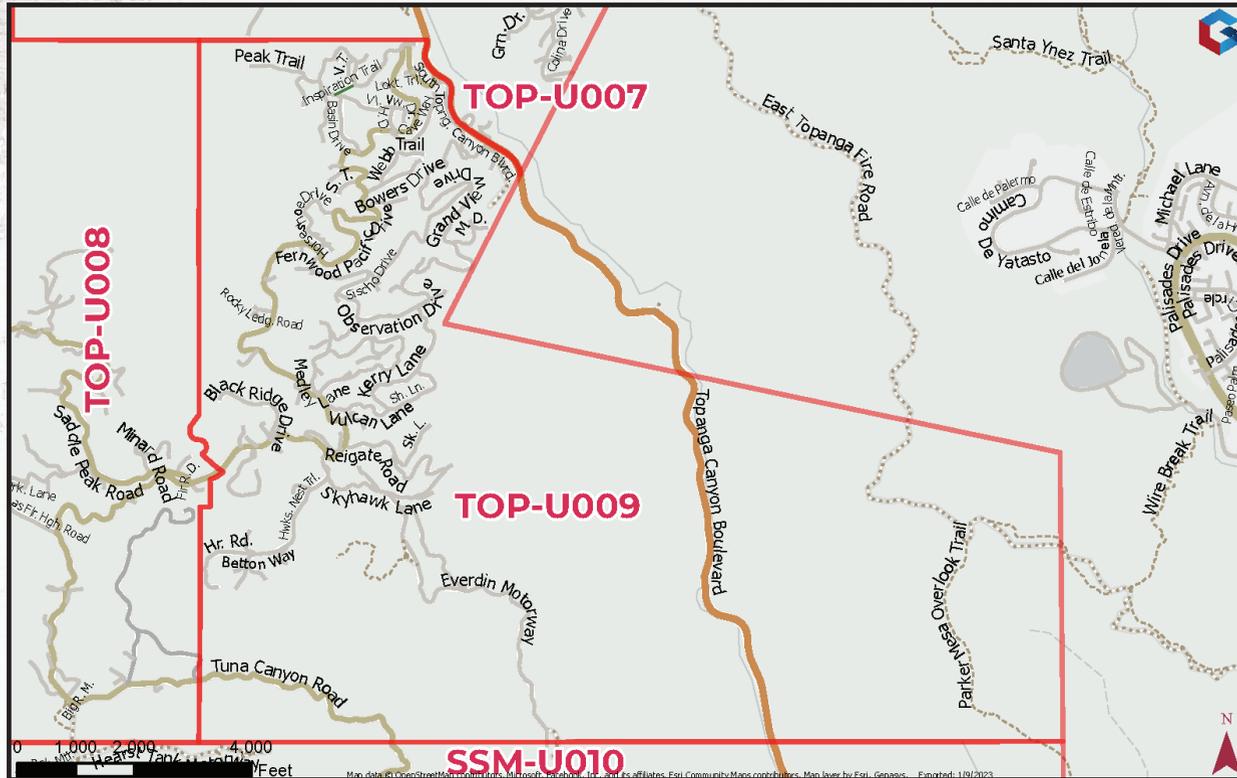
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