

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUES HIGH WIND WARNING FOR L.A. COUNTY AREAS

(JANUARY 14-15, 2013)

High Wind Warning remains in effect till January 15, 2013 (2 p.m.)

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a High Wind Warning for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties effective January 14-15, 2013.

A strong Santa Ana Wind event is developing across much of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Isolated gusts up to 60 miles per hour (mph) are forecasted in the Santa Monica Mountain areas and Santa Clarita Valley. The San Fernando Valley, Hollywood Hills and Malibu coast may experience gusts from 40-45 mph during this High Wind Warning. These winds will likely persist through Tuesday, January 15, 2013 afternoon.

The NWS High Wind Warning is issued for Los Angeles County unincorporated area communities including the Antelope Valley, Foothills, Newhall, Santa Clarita Valley, San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Santa Monica Mountains Recreational Area, Topanga and Valencia.

Precautionary/Preparedness Actions:

A High Wind Warning means hazardous high wind event is expected or occurring. Sustained wind speeds of at least 40 mph or gusts of 58 mph or more can lead to property damage. Gusty winds could topple trees and power lines. This type of warning can create hazardous driving conditions, especially for high profile vehicles.

Single digit overnight lows are expected in the mountains and portions of the Antelope Valley. Frost is also likely forecasted in the Santa Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys.

For disaster/emergency preparedness information, please go to <http://lacoa.org> and <http://espfocus.org>.

Source: NWS Los Angeles/Oxnard office

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