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Maricopa Highway (SR-33) Closed for Rock Slide Removal Project in Northern Ventura County

Los Padres National Forest – The Maricopa Highway (SR-33) will remain closed to all but residents as the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) removes rocks from the highway and constructs a concrete buttress 20 miles north of Ojai (Sespe Gorge) in an effort to prevent future rock slides. The highway is expected to open by Friday, March 28.

SR-33 has been closed since heavy storms passed through the area on March 1 and eroded the hillsides along the highway causing heavy rocks to become unstable and fall onto the highway. A Caltrans geologist determined that the highway should remain closed until all unstable rocks have been removed from the slopes.

Ortiz Enterprises Inc. of Irvine, California has been awarded this \$750,000 emergency contract.

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