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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All Media Partners

From: Amber Weller, Public Information Officer

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RE: Potential for Flash Floods and Rock Slides

Thunderstorms are currently forecast for the Eastern Sierra over the next four days, with the highest probability of thunderstorms on Sunday and Monday. Such storms can cause flash flooding and rock slides in burn areas across the county. Residents, tourists and structures affected by recent fires are most at risk. Those affected should seek higher ground outside of the burn areas through the duration and immediately following a storm cell.

Travelers are advised to be attentive and cautious while traveling on Highway 395 north of the Lee Vining - Marina Fire burn area and Lower Rock Creek Road between US-395 to the entrance of the Swall Meadows community. Motorists should avoid travel on Lower Rock Creek road if there is an imminent threat of thunderstorms, during thunderstorms, or immediately after thunderstorms.

Travelers need to be aware of the risk for fast moving debris flows which have the potential to inundate the highway.

Reported by: Amber Weller, Public Information Officer