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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- RED FLAG WARNING -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. June 18, 2016 – The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for the Santa Barbara County South Coast and Mountains (zones CAZ 239 and CAZ252) in effect from 5pm Sunday June 19 to 10 am Tuesday June 21, 2016.

A Red Flag Warning means that critical fire weather conditions are either occurring now or will shortly. A combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can create extreme fire behavior.

...RED FLAG WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 5 PM SUNDAY TO 10 AM PDT TUESDAY FOR GUSTY SUNDOWNER WINDS...LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY...AND HIGH TEMPERATURES FOR THE SANTA BARBARA SOUTH COAST...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES/OXNARD HAS ISSUED A RED FLAG WARNING FOR GUSTY SUNDOWNER WINDS...LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY...AND HIGH TEMPERATURES...WHICH IS IN EFFECT FROM 5 PM SUNDAY TO 10 AM PDT TUESDAY. THE FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT.

- * WINDS...NORTHWEST 15 TO 25 MPH WITH GUSTS TO 35 MPH LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON....BECOMING NORTH 20 TO 30 MPH WITH GUSTS TO 45 MPH. STRONGEST BELOW PASSES AND CANYONS.
- * RELATIVE HUMIDITY...8 TO 20 PERCENT. POOR OVERNIGHT RECOVERY IN WINDY AREAS.
- * TEMPERATURES...90 TO 102 IN THE AFTERNOON...80S AND 90S IN THE EVENING.
- * IMPACTS...CONDITIONS WILL BE FAVORABLE FOR EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR AND RAPID FIRE SPREAD...WHICH COULD THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY.

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