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Pacific Crest Trail Temporary Detour

San Bernardino, Calif., May 3, 2010 – Hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) will now have to detour through an alternate path around burned acres of the Lone Pine Canyon area of the San Bernardino National Forest. The 15.4-mile temporary detour begins at Forest Service Road 3N49 (PCT mile 344) and ends at the junction where Forest Service Road 3N31Y rejoins the existing PCT.

Approximately 12 miles of the existing PCT were damaged by the Sheep Fire in October 2009 and the subsequent rains. The fire burned approximately 7,100 acres, prompting a closure for the burn area for public safety concerns and protection of natural resources. The area will remain closed for at least one year to allow for vegetative recovery, which in turn will stabilize the soil for safer hiking and erosion control.

The public is prohibited from entering the burn area as per San Bernardino National Forest Order No.10-4 (www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/about/forder1004). PCT hikers should instead follow the detour on the map located at: www.pcta.org/pdf/sheep_fire_detour or www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino.

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