

Escape From the Plateau

Everyone who lives on this Plateau knows the 2 exits off the Plateau. Clinton Keith Rd and the Via Volcano to the very steep Los Gatos Rd., Firemen closed both exits during the last Fire. We were all were trapped on this Plateau! WE HAVE TO HAVE ALTERNATE WAYS TO GET OFF THIS PLATEAU in a Wildfire other than Clinton Keith Rd and Via Volcano to Los Gatos Rd. From comments gathered on Social Media: Next Door and La Cresta Buzz, Plateau Neighborhood Watch, during our last Fire, here are alternates people mentioned.

1st ALTERNATE - 7 minutes to Grand Ave. OK for Horse Trailers but a little rough in areas - best road exit other than Clinton Keith Rd. This is an unpaved road extending from the end of Calle de Lobo on to Enderlein Rd (drive to left of Water tanks & down to a right onto Alameda del Monte, then left on Hixson to St Grand Ave in Wildomar. This road is used by 18 wheeler trucks to pick up avocado loads. There are 2 locked gates on Enderlein Rd. Firemen open them for emergencies! The Last Wildfire was in day 3 when this route was finally opened. Route now locked back up, as it should. It would only be needed to be opened in an Emergency.

2nd ALTERNATE - 45 minutes to an hour route. Not suitable for horse trailers. From social media at last Fire: the end of the paved Calle de Companero, drive onto the unpaved Companero and drive up the hill to a right turn onto the South Main Divide Rd. and then on through the Rancho Capistrano community and on to the Ortega Hwy 74. OK for most vehicles but low rider vehicles. There is a locked gate on this Exit. Fire Dept can open it for emergencies and should do so on DAY 1 of a Wildfire.

3rd ALTERNATE - Great story on social media. About a 45 minute drive. There was a person that drove his Prius on the Tenaja Truck Trail Rd. on down to Temecula. He commented it was not difficult. A few Tenaja residents stated they also got to their homes after work on the Tenaja Truck Trail Rd. Not known if OK for Horse Trailers.