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## AMENDED NEWS RELEASE

### UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Oak Creek Canyon Opens to Limited Traffic

Traffic into Oak Creek Canyon north of Sedona along Highway 89A will be open **only** to **residents and essential traffic** starting June 27 at 5:00 p.m. Essential traffic is homeowners, business owners, service and emergency vehicles.

The Arizona Department of Transportation has inspected Highway 89A through the fire area and determined that it will be safe for limited traffic at this time. However, fire danger remains high, and there is potential for Highway 89A or other roads in the area to be closed in the future due to public safety hazards.

The road will remain closed to the general public and non-essential traffic to avoid conflicts with current fire traffic; and to give residents and business owners time to return to their properties and resume their normal activities. It is anticipated that Highway 89A will re-open to general traffic following further evaluation.

Persons driving Highway 89A should drive slowly and with lights on for safety. Be alert for hazardous conditions, such as rocks or debris in the roadway. Keep your eyes on the road as you are driving and practice defensive driving techniques. Do not stop along Highway 89A in Oak Creek Canyon, except for emergency situations.

Remember as you travel Highway 89A that the Coconino National Forest remains closed to visitors. Forest Service roads and trails are not open. Information about the Coconino National Forest can be found on the website at [www.coconinoforest.us](http://www.coconinoforest.us) or by calling 928-226-4601.

### **New contact number and web address**

For further information on road conditions throughout the state, please call the Arizona Department of Transportation at 511 or visit their web site at [www.az511.com](http://www.az511.com).

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