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## **OFFICIALS TO CHANGE START LOCATION OF THE 2010 AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA STAGE 6 ROUTE**

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. April 7, 2010 – Today AEG Sports released a statement that the 2010 Amgen Tour of California Stage 6 route will change due to severe road damage on Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy. 2) above La Cañada Flintridge. The stage will no longer start in Pasadena. However, the Stage 6 finish in Big Bear Lake will continue as planned, and will not be affected by the change. More information about the route change will be announced at a later date.

*The statement released by Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports, regarding a change to the 2010 Amgen Tour of California Stage 6 Start and Host City is as follows...*

“Due to severe road damage on the Angeles Crest Highway (Route 2) above La Cañada Flintridge caused by the recent winter storms, we have been forced to change the route for Stage 6 of the 2010 Amgen Tour of California. This change is being made at the direct request of Caltrans, which has notified us that due to the potential safety hazards, the road will be unable to accommodate our race. Stage 6, scheduled for May 21, 2010, will no longer start in Pasadena and we are working to secure a new stage start, which we are hopeful of announcing in the coming days.

Stage 6 will still finish in Big Bear Lake as planned and we look forward to a challenging stage in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains.

As long-term partners with Pasadena, we appreciate how graciously they have handled this difficult situation. We look forward to returning to Pasadena soon.”

– Andrew Messick, President, AEG Sports

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### **About the Amgen Tour of California**

*The largest cycling event in America, the 2010 Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG, that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 16-23.*