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Judge blocks housing project

A mountain housing project proposed for an area burned by the 2003 Old Fire was shot down by a judge Thursday, said environmentalists who brought a lawsuit to block the proposed development.

The project, called Blue Ridge Estates at Lake Arrowhead, included 57 custom home sites on 40 acres near the old Santa's Village, and was approved by the county Board of Supervisors late last year.

But the county's general plan required that Cumberland Road be completed all the way to Highway 18 as an evacuation route.

The project was approved, though Cumberland ends before it reaches Highway 18.

San Bernardino Superior Court Judge John P. Wade ruled that the county's rule on the evacuation route was "unambiguous" and rescinded approval of the project, according to a news release from the **Center for Biological Diversity**, which brought the suit.