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Crews Working to Repair Road Network

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1 has asked the public for its cooperation as all of its crews work to repair the road network throughout the County. Several routes and bridges sustained damage over the weekend as a result of the excessive rainfall.

As of today July 11, 2011, effective immediately the County of Grande Prairie has issued a 75% road ban on all County roads listed in the Road Ban Order.

The County also urges motorists to drive with caution on all its roads as crews continue to assess and repair the damage.

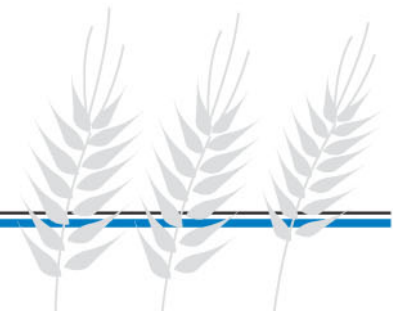
“We have a lot of washouts, but the heavy rains have deteriorated the surface quality of all gravel roads. We will be getting all graders on the roads as soon as conditions permit it,” said County of Grande Prairie Superintendent of Public Works Herb Pfau. “The public’s patience is appreciated as we work on all issues with these extreme road conditions.”

Two bridges have already been temporarily repaired in order to restore traffic flow. Both will be permanently repaired as soon as road conditions permit. This includes the bridge at TWP 732 and RR 132 and the bridge at RR 81.

Road Closure Updates

The County of Grande Prairie has updated its list of road closures due to the high rainfall and subsequent flooding on the routes:

- TWP 744 east of Highway 2 to RR 52 is closed (local traffic only allowed)
- TWP 742 from RR 62 to RR 63 is closed (local traffic only allowed)
- RR 114 between Highway 43 and Highway 59 is closed
- TWP 754 from RR 90 to RR 92 is closed
- TWP 744 east of RR 65 is closed
- RR 65 south of TWP 744 is closed
- RR 61 south of TWP 744 is closed
- RR 65 from TWP 722 to TWP 724



Park Closures

Due to rising river water levels, the County of Grande Prairie closed both Pipestone Creek Park and Hommy Park until water levels recede and any road damage is repaired. Demmitt Park is partially closed due water levels.

Information on further updates and road closures can be found by visiting the County of Grande Prairie website at countygp.ab.ca.

The public is also urged to report any flooded or damaged roads by calling 780-532-7393.

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