



Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Director's Report – January 24, 2017

• **Road Division Activities: Winter Storms - January 8, 2017, through January 22, 2017:**

MCDOT Road Crews responded to the latest series of large rain storms that began Sunday, January 8, 2017. MCDOT Road Crew personnel responded quickly, with dedication and skill, to serve Mendocino County and its citizens. MCDOT Road Crews worked day and night during this time to keep our County roads open. MCDOT office staff also pitched in to keep the County web page current with updates.

The rain, flooding, rock slides, and downed trees, closed the roads listed below for several hours:

Ukiah Area:	Babcock Lane, County Road (CR) 207	Closed/Reopened
	Vichy Springs Road, CR 215	Closed/Reopened
	Sanford Ranch Road, CR 200	Closed/Reopened
Willits Area:	Bray Road, CR 305	Closed/Reopened
	Valley Road, CR 309	Closed/Reopened
	Hearst Willits Road, CR 306	Closed/Reopened
Point Arena Area:	Mamie Laiwa Drive, CR 508A	Closed/Reopened
Fort Bragg Area:	Mill Creek Road, CR 425	Closed/Reopened

Significant damage was found after the water receded at five locations, with the most serious issue being a large sink hole forming on a deeply buried culvert located on Mallard Street, CR 621, at milepost (MP) 0.10 in Brooktrails. For the safety of the public, MCDOT has closed the road due to concerns that it may collapse; there is a detour for through traffic, and no one is cut off from their residence.

Brooktrails Area:	Mallard Street, CR 621, MP 0.10	Closed
Laytonville Area:	Laytonville Dos Rios Road, CR 322, MP 3.66	Opened - one lane only
	Shimmins Ridge Road, CR 310B, MP 2.70	Opened - one lane only
South Coast Area:	Albion Little River Road, CR 403, MP 0.50	Opened - one lane only
	Windy Hollow Road, CR 508, MP 2.70	Opened - one lane only

Countywide, we experienced localized flooding, overtopping running storm water (common during heavy rain) and even more abundant potholes on our roadways. The potholes are more severe and earlier than normal this year due to the early October rains. The public should be advised that MCDOT currently has a 20 person vacancy rate in our Road Crew staffing, and the response time, (even with assistance of trustee crews from the County Jail), to repair so many pot holes is slower than normal. Road Crew personnel will not spot patch potholes based upon calls from the public. Instead, for the sake of efficiency, our Road Crews are systematically moving through the higher traffic volume areas to patch whole road segments. The less traveled traffic areas, on the fringes of our road system, and the dirt roads, will have delays in pothole patch repairs.

Please Note: Eel River Road, CR 240B, where it extends into Lake County, is closed on the Lake County side just before Soda Creek. There no estimate as to when it will reopen with through service to Lake Pillsbury.