



Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Director's Report – May 2, 2017

- **Bell Springs Road Restriction – Closed to All But Local Traffic during Highway 101 Closure:** On Sunday, April 16th, a rock slide six miles north of Leggett in northern Mendocino County forced the closure of Highway (HWY) 101. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) closed HWY 101 again on April 25th, due to new slide activity after a brief opening late on April 24th.

On Thursday, April 20th, pursuant to Sections 942.5 and 942.6 of the California Streets and Highways Code, Mendocino County Department of Transportation closed Bell Springs Road, County Road 324, to through traffic until such time that Caltrans re-opens HWY 101. Law enforcement officials may request some proof/explanation of a travelers' need to be in the area (i.e. driver's license, bill to address, work order for the area, etc.)

Until HWY 101 is sufficiently clear, officials on scene may make the final decision regarding who may travel on Bell Springs Road. In order to avoid the closure, the current recommended alternative routes are: HWY 36, HWY 299, HWY 20, and Interstate 5. Please check with CalTrans for additional updates or alternate routes. Road Conditions: (www.dot.ca.gov) or 1-800-427-7623 (ROAD).

Furthermore, during the five days that traffic self-detoured from HWY 101 to Bell Springs Road, the condition of the gravel road deteriorated to a terrible state. There were over 14 tow truck dispatch calls made to rescue stranded motorists on April 20th alone. MCDOT dispatched the entire Willits area crew the week of April 24th, to repair the road. During their efforts, they hauled some 1000 tons of base and crushed rock, did re-shaping, and rolling compaction of the road. Work will continue through May 6th.

- **2016-2017 Storm Recovery Effort:** MCDOT staff has been performing site reviews with staff from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It will cost approximately \$8.3 million to restore the most critical "B" (protective measures) and "C" (permanent repair) list sites this year and will be financed using normal material operating funds. Reimbursement of somewhere in the range of 75% to 93.75% is expected.

Mendocino County's Federal Highway Administration Agency (FHWA) eligible "on system" roads have approximately nine storm-related damage sites, and the process of notification and application is ongoing. These seven sites (three from 2016) have an estimated repair cost of approximately \$3.5 million, which will also be financed using normal material operating funds. Reimbursement of 88.53% is expected.

All nine FHWA-ER **2016-17 sites** are listed below:

Main Street, Mendocino	CR 407E	MP 0.03
Branscomb Road	CR 429	MP 17.21 & 21.50 (3 rd priority)
Comptche Ukiah/Orr Springs Road	CR 223	MP 17.25 & 39.20 (1 st priority)
Mountain View Road	CR 510	MP 17.21, 14.50, & 22.02 (2 nd priority)
Bell Springs Road	CR 324	MP 17.70

All thirty-seven Cal EMA/FEMA **2017 sites** are listed below:

Peachland Road	CR 128	MP 0.35, 1.14, 0.95 (1 st priority)
Ridgeway Highway	CR 249	MP 2.50
Eel River Road	CR 240B	MP 7.85 & 8.10 (4 th priority)
Shimmins Ridge Road	CR 310B	MP 2.70
Albion Little River Road	CR 403	MP 0.35
Laytonville Dos Rios Road	CR 322	MP 0.99, 1.01, 4.19, 6.15, (3.34 & 3.66 2 nd)
Low Gap Road	CR 212	MP 19.40
Pine Ridge Road	CR 220	MP 4.52 & 5.30
Primrose Drive	CR 604	MP 3.40 & 3.80
Peacock Drive	CR 619	MP 0.45
Mallard Street	CR 621	MP 0.10
Robinson Creek Road	CR 125	MP 1.52
Blue Lake Terrace	CR 671A	MP 0.50
Fish Rock Road	CR 122	MP 17.35, 5.95 & 19.10
Spring Grove Drive	CR 401	MP 1.50
Blackhawk Drive	CR 371	MP 2.00 (3 rd priority)
Nokomis Road	CR 117	MP 0.10
Old Toll Road	CR 108	MP 3.31 & 3.33
University Road	CR 116B	MP 3.78
Marina Drive	CR 226	MP 0.52
Briceland Road	CR 435	MP 4.49 & 5.10
Spy Rock Road	CR 323	MP 8.00
Poonkinney Road	CR 326	MP 1.46

The estimate of total damage to the County Maintained Road System is approximately \$11.8 million. MCDOT office staff is working very hard to ensure that Mendocino County receives all the emergency funds that we qualify for.

- **Road Division Activities:** Due to the good weather MCDOT Road Division personnel are trying to get caught up on small slide cleanup and pothole patching. The spring storms brought heavy rains and more mudslides and slip outs countywide. This produced earth and vegetation debris which will have to be moved to permanent sites. Other temporary repairs will need to be made permanent, so the impact of the storms will affect the Road Division workload for a long time to come. Pothole patching is very severe this year and time spent on normal spring activities like mowing and grading will be impacted negatively.

- **Roads Closed or Limited:** Mendocino County's storm limited roads are listed below:

Mallard Street	CR 621	MP 0.10	Closed
Laytonville Dos Rios Road	CR 322	MP 3.66	Limited to small vehicles
Shimmins Ridge Road	CR 310B	MP 2.70	Opened - one lane only
Albion Little River Road	CR 403	MP 0.50	Opened - one lane only
Mountain View Road	CR 510	MP 17.50	Opened - one lane only
Peachland Road	CR 128	MP 0.95	Limited to small vehicles
Orr Springs Road	CR 223	MP 39.20	Opened - one lane only
Eel River Road	CR 240B	MP 6.00+/-	One lane local traffic only

ALL THROUGH ACCESS to Lake Pillsbury from Potter Valley is still CLOSED.