

Extended road closures expected in NW Missouri

(KLZA)-- Road surface and shoulder damage, bridges washed out and a need for underwater inspections will keep roads in Atchison and Holt counties in Missouri closed for an indefinite period of time.

In addition to the continued closure of Interstate 29 and many other routes throughout Northwest Missouri, receding floodwaters are exposing damage to roadways and bridges.

In Holt County, Route P will remain closed until further notice due to surface damage between Route 118 and U.S. Route 159.

U.S. Route 159 will remain closed until further notice from Route P near Fortescue to the Missouri River due to road surface and shoulder damage extending from Route P west to the Missouri River. The Little Tarkio Creek Bridge is irreparable and will require complete replacement.

The Big Lake Overflow Bridge continues to have floodwater flowing through with a strong current, preventing inspectors from completing a thorough underwater examination for damage.

In Atchison County, Missouri, U.S. Route 136 will remain closed from Interstate 29 to the Missouri River until further notice.

Damages to the road include surface and shoulder damage throughout the section.

One end of the roadway is washed away at the Phelps City Bridge.

Contractors may be brought in to complete an underwater inspection to look for damage to the supporting structures.

MoDOT reminds everyone that barricades are placed at flooded roadway and bridges to prevent drivers of all vehicles and pedestrians from using the roadway. The barricades are there for your protection.

For more information about the closures check the Traveler Information Map on MoDOT's website, modot.org.