

Floodwaters remain over local, closed highway

(KAIR)--The Missouri River floodwaters that forced the closure of a well traveled, local area Missouri roadway, are receding slowly.

That word is delivered in a social media post made Wednesday by the Atchison County, Kansas Emergency Management office.

According to the post, U.S. Highway 59, east of Atchison, remains closed, with floodwaters remaining over the highway.

Saying that the floodwaters are receding slowly, the post states that the Missouri Department of Transportation is monitoring the situation and will reopen the highway as soon as possible.

MoDot, responding to an emailed inquiry from MSC News, said there is no timeline for when the highway will reopen.

According to the agency, citing crews working in the local area, floodwater remains over the roadway in three locations. However, an assessment from the crews reveal no major damage to the roadway from the flooding.

The stretch of highway, located in Buchanan County, Missouri, is closed from Missouri Highway 45 to Atchison, Kansas.

The roadway has closed, and then reopened, several times during flooding this year.

The latest closure was put in place September 23.

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