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Flooding closes five roads in St. Louis County, others under close watch

With heavy spring runoff from melting snow causing water levels to rise in area streams and ditches, St. Louis County Public Works crews are closely monitoring County roads. Five roads are now closed to traffic due to high water:

South Townline Road (County Road 442 and Unorganized Township Road 9111) on the South City of Hibbing line is closed between State Highway 73 and the Hingley Road (County Road 965) where the West Swan River is over the road in multiple locations. Traffic may divert around this area east and west on South Townline Road.

County State Aid Highway 81 north of Hibbing is closed between the Itasca County Line, and the Powers Road (County Road 710). Traffic may divert around this area in Itasca County, or east on County State Aid Highway 81, and south on County Road 710.

East Goodell Road (Unorganized Township Road 8157) on the South Angora Township line is closed from County Road 919 to U.S. Highway 53. Traffic may divert around this area east and west on East Goodell Road.

Chisholm Road (County Road 406) in Willow Valley Township from County Road 114 (West Olson Road) to County Road 74 (Willow River Road). Beaver Creek is over the road approximately 1.5 miles north of County road 114. Traffic may divert around this area north and south on Chisholm Road.

County Road 422 in Portage Township is closed east of County State Aid Highway 24. Traffic may divert in and out to County State Aid Highway 24 on County Road 422.

“Our crews are monitoring these locations and will continue to assess conditions to

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determine when it's safe to re-open these roads," said Peter Eakman, Maintenance Engineer. "Based on what we've seen in past years, these roads will likely be closed for several days."

Public Works crews also have identified eight other County roads that have water on them, but are still considered passable. Signs have been put up at these locations identifying there is water on the roadway. Motorists are urged to use caution.

Hermantown Road (County Road 846) approximately half mile east of the Munger Shaw Road (County Road 223) in Solway Township, also approximately half mile west of the Canosia Road (County State Aid Highway 98) in Solway Township.

Rose Road (County Road 890) approximately half mile west of the Caribou Lake Road (County Road 859) in Solway Township.

Lakewood Road (County Road 692) at the Pioneer Road (County State Aid Highway 40) in Normanna Township.

Comstock Lake Road (Unorganized Township Road 9230) approximately 10 miles east of Cotton.

McNiven Road (County Road 469) east of County State Aid Highway 25 approximately half mile in Great Scott Township.

Osborn Road (Unorganized Township road 8115) just south of County State Aid Highway 65 in the Britt area.

Salo Road (County Roads 615 and 620), and Mesaba Road (County Road 358) to the east of Embarrass in Waasa Township in multiple locations.

East Olson Road (County Road 540) between U.S. Highway 53 and County Road 910 in Field Township.

Public Works crews will continue to monitor these and other roads throughout the County, however motorists should remember that road conditions and water depth can change rapidly. Anyone who encounters a dangerous road condition is asked to call 9-1-1.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office reminds people to use caution around – and to keep children away from – areas of flowing water. Unseen culverts can pose a danger or drowning hazard.

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