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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Road closure list drops to seven in St. Louis County

Water levels are showing signs of dropping in areas of St. Louis County, enabling the Public Works Department to re-open some previously flooded roads. No new roads have been closed, however a longer stretch of County State Aid Highway 81 is now closed and warning signs have been put up along two new roads alerting drivers to beware of water on the roadway. As of Thursday morning, the following roads remain closed:

**County State Aid Highway 81** north of Hibbing is closed between the Itasca County Line and County State Aid Highway 5. Previously it was closed only between the Itasca County Line, and the Powers Road (County Road 710). Traffic should continue to divert around this area in Itasca County, or east on County State Aid Highway 81, and south on County Road 710.

**Arnold Road** (County State Aid Highway 36) in Rice Lake Township is closed just south of the Schultz Road (County State Aid Highway 35). Traffic may divert around this area on Shultz Road and Arnold Road south.

**Munger Shaw Road** (County Road 223) in Grand Lake Township is closed approximately halfway between the Seville Road (County Road 694) and U.S. Highway 53. Traffic may divert around this area north and south on the Munger Shaw Road.

**Fox Farm Road** (County Road 266) in Alden Township is closed approximately five miles east of Pequaywan Road (County State Aid Highway 44) near Paradise Lake. Traffic may divert around this area east and west on Fox Farm Road.

**Leander Road** (County road 923) in Morcom Township is closed approx. one mile east of County State Aid Highway 5. Traffic may divert around this area south on County State Aid Highway 5, and east on Leander Road to Range Line Road to Lind Road.

**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.

**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.

The following roads, which previously were closed, are now considered passable and have re-opened. Signs have been posted warning drivers to be watchful for water on the roadway:

**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.

**County State Aid Highway 24** in Beatty Township is closed approximately two miles east of the Susan Lake Road.

**Tarkman Road** (County Road 410) in Vermilion Lake Township is closed approximately 1.75 miles east of State Highway 169.

Two news roads have been added to the list of roads that are open and considered passable, though have warning signs posted due to water on the roadway. They are:

**Three Lakes Road** (CSAH 49) between Munger Shaw Road (CSAH 15) and CSAH 4.

**West Pine Drive** (County Road 851) near Stoney Brook in Arrowhead Township.

Other roads that continue to have posted warnings due to water on the roadway include:

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

**Pioneer Road** (County State Aid Highway 40) approximately half mile east of Lakewood Road (County Road 692) at two locations in Normanna Township. At the intersection of Lakewood and Pioneer Roads the road is now clear as the water has receded there, and the problem area has shifted east.

**Arnold Road** (County State Aid Highway 36) just north of West Beyer Road in Rice Lake Township.

**Hicken Road** (County Road 247) at Howard Gnesen Road (County State Aid Highway 34) in Rice Lake Township.

**Kroll Road** (County Road 853) between Seville Road (County Road 694) and Triple Lakes Road in Grand Lake Township.

**Harnell Road** (County Road 881) just north of Seville Road (County Road 694) in Grand Lake Township.

**Canosia Road** (County Road 224), and Twig Blvd (County Road 984) just north of U.S. Highway 53 at Twig in Grand Lake Township.

**Munger Shaw Road** (County Road 223) at Seville Road (County Road 694) in Grand Lake Township.

**Caribou Lake Road** (County Road 859) between State Highway 194 and Seville Road (County Road 694) in Grand Lake Township.

**Ugstad Road** (County Road 284) just north of Martin Road (County State Aid Highway 9) in Canosia Township.

**Sassas Road** (County Road 512) approximately half mile north of Leander Road (County State Aid Highway 87) in Owens Township.

**Susan Lake Road** (County Road 426) approximately three-quarters mile north of County State Aid Highway 24 in Beatty Township.

Note that **County Road 422** in Portage Township has re-opened. Water levels have decreased enough that no warning signs are needed. It had been closed east of County State Aid Highway 24.

Likewise, warning signs have now been taken down on **Rose Road** in Solway Township and **Castle Road** in Canosia Township

Public Works crews will continue to monitor all County roads, 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.

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