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Northwoods businesses and roadways open for tourist travel

WisDOT continues to safely open roads following flood damage

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has been working hard to ensure tourists don't miss out on their planned vacations due to recent flooding. Crews reopened WIS 122 between US 2 and the Michigan State line a week ahead of schedule. The highway is open to a temporary gravel surface. Motorists can expect some lane closures going forward when paving operations begin.

Businesses and roadways remain open in Ashland, Bayfield and Iron County. Roadways that are closed for repairs are detoured and signed with portable electronic message signs to help ensure you get back on track to your final destination.

The following traffic impacts are ongoing:

Ashland County

- WIS 13 corridor is closed between Mellen and WIS 112. Traffic is detoured via WIS 77, US 51, US 2.

Bayfield County

- US 63 is closed at Twentymile Creek near Grand View. Car traffic only is detoured at Grand View via Raymond Road and North Sweden Road. Truck traffic is detoured via County Highway N and County Highway A.
 - Work to repair damages on US 63 is underway. The project includes debris removal, culvert repair and pavement work. WisDOT anticipates this project will be complete and US 63 will be open to traffic mid-August.

Iron County

- WIS 122 is now open north of US 2 to the Michigan State line.
 - There is still no access to Michigan or Saxon Harbor from WIS 122.
- WIS 169 is closed between WIS 13 and US 2. Traffic is detoured via WIS 77, US 51, US 2.

- Installation of a temporary culvert at the South Tributary to Vaughn Creek, located one-half-mile north of Gurney (between Cameron Road and Jensen Road) was completed on July 20. The highway is open at this location to local traffic only. Project completion is scheduled for August 31.
- Work to replace the Vaughn Creek culvert is scheduled to start August 22, with project completion by September 30.
- Crews are also repairing washouts along WIS 169. That work is scheduled for completion by August 12.

Motorists are advised to use caution in these areas and adhere to signed closures. For up-to-date closures and detour information visit the flood section on 511 Wisconsin at <http://bit.ly/29MlexL>, download the free mobile app or follow @511WI on Twitter.

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