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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BEACH VEHICLE ACCESS AT CLAM BEACH COUNTY PARK

Humboldt County Parks is implementing a temporary closure of the access point for beach driving at Clam Beach County Park.

Pedestrian and equestrian access to the beach remain open. Clam Beach Drive, the park campground, and the two designated parking lots remain open to vehicles.

The Public Works Director has determined that, because of high water, the conditions of the creek crossing adjacent to the vehicle access gate pose a risk to public health, welfare and safety. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Director by Humboldt County Code Section 271-13, he is directing that vehicle access be temporarily closed to the public.

Clam Beach County Park's designated route for vehicles to access the beach is located at the south parking lot near the campground. Vehicle access to the beach is controlled by a gate at the edge of the parking lot. Within the last two to three years, the meandering of Patrick Creek has brought the channel within 20 to 30 feet of the vehicle access gate, and the section of creek in front of the gate has deepened to over four feet at some locations. The deep water and soft sand have created difficult conditions for vehicle crossing. Although posted with warning signs stating that the water level is high and drivers proceed at their own risk, several vehicles have become disabled in the creek over the last two to three years. On January 13, 2010, a vehicle leaked motor oil onto the sand parking lot as it was being towed out, requiring cleanup crews to respond to the incident and prevent a discharge to the creek.

Humboldt County Parks will monitor the creek conditions for improvement and consider future options.