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BEAR CREEK OVERNIGHT CLOSURE

The Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works has scheduled an overnight closure of Bear Creek Road beginning at 10 p.m. on October 9 in order to install a creek diversion system to facilitate the restoration of Bear Creek Road.

The one-night closure will take place from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. The County is asking residents to plan accordingly, as the detour from downtown Boulder Creek via Scotts Valley/Highway 17/Summit Road is lengthy.

The County does not anticipate additional overnight closures will be needed, and scheduled this work quickly in anticipation of Caltrans' scheduled overnight closures of Highway 9 near Brookdale, which begin Oct. 15. The County is coordinating with local first responders and emergency personnel to assure the availability of critical life-safety services.

Bear Creek Road was significantly damaged during 2016/17 winter storms, and is the subject of emergency winter storm repairs. The County anticipates restoring the road to two lanes prior to the onset of the winter rainy season.