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Heavy Rains Affect Two Popular Hiking Trails on San Mateo County Coast

Pacifica, CA: Last week's storm washed away a portion of Weiler Ranch Road, a popular hiking trail in San Pedro Valley Park. Heavy rains caused steel plates covering a culvert on the road to fail with a portion of the road collapsing into San Pedro Creek. San Mateo County Parks is in the process of securing emergency permits in order to make temporary repairs to the culvert and road.

The majority of the .8-mile long trail remains open to hikers who can access the trail from Oddstad Boulevard or from the park entrance. Because the culvert failed at the eastern end of the trail, hikers will be able to hike approximately .7 miles before being required to turn around near the trail's bridge. Once construction work begins, signs will be posted in the park indicating if the trail is accessible.

The recently opened Devil's Slide Trail located south of Pacifica sustained minor slides at several points on the trail. Dirt and boulders tumbled down the eastern side of the trail and beyond the retaining K rails on the trail. Safety cones have been positioned to warn hikers and bicycles of the obstacles. Heavy equipment operators will be on site during the next two weeks to clear the debris. The trail is expected to remain open during the cleanup, but visitors may encounter limited access to the trail or temporary closures during this period.

Devil's Slide Trail is the 1.3 mile-long trail opened earlier this year after the Tom Lantos Tunnels were completed and the old segment of Highway 1 was converted to a multi-use trail. The K rails, which are made of concrete and are positioned along segments of the trail, functioned as designed during the storm by serving as a retaining wall limiting the amount of dirt that spilled onto the trail.

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SMCo Parks, San Pedro Valley, Weiler Ranch Road



SMCo Parks, Devil's Slide Trail

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