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TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO OPEN WCR 74 APPROVED BY BOARD

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners has approved a plan allowing the Department of Public Works to move forward with opening WCR 74 at the low-water crossing at Crow Creek. This section of road has been closed for months due to water flowing across the road. The closure, while frustrating for drivers, was necessary for public safety.

As the water from Crow Creek continues to recede, the county has placed delineator posts every 10’ on both sides of the road to channel traffic down to one lane through the crossing as a temporary solution. Signage will warn the traveling public of the possibility of water on the road, and travel on the roadway will be limited to local traffic only.

Public Works crews will continue to monitor the water level and the condition of the road surface daily, including weekends, and they will take appropriate action to maintain public safety (including continued monitoring of water levels and the road surface).

This solution is only a temporary one, as plans to prevent the road from being closed next season due to water flows are currently being reviewed.

The county understands this closure has been inconvenient for residents in the area. Public safety is of foremost importance for the county, but convenience is important as well. The county hopes this solution will work as a compromise until final plans are approved to address this issue in the future.

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