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Three Miles of I-70 in Sherman County Are Closed Due to Flooding

KDOT is closing the eastbound lanes of I-70 from Exit 9 to Exit 12, due to the recent heavy rains.

I-70 traffic is currently being diverted to Old U.S. 24 Highway at Exit 9, and will be allowed to re-enter the interstate at Exit 12 (going east). The westbound lanes have not been affected by this closure.

Heavy rains have compromised a drainage pipe under the roadway, causing the temporary closure.

The closure is currently within a project to reconstruct I-70 from the Colorado/Kansas state line, extending east 12 miles.

The maximum width is restricted to 16.75 feet; and the speed limit is reduced to 60 miles-per-hour throughout the twelve mile work zone. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, slow down and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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