

## Pilgrim Creek Road Status

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Good afternoon,

First a quick introduction – I am currently serving as the acting District Ranger for the Shasta McCloud Management Unit on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Carolyn Napper retired at the end of December 2023. I've held a number of roles since coming to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in 2006. My normal job is Deputy District Ranger for the South Fork & Trinity River Management Units on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Both management units cover the entire west side of the forest.

Back to the reason for the email/sharing of information.

We are currently experiencing road damage to the Pilgrim Creek Road due to weather. Our roads crew has been working with Campbell the last several days trying to make repairs to Pilgrim Creek Rd. The road is beginning to deteriorate and sections have lost their edge. They've been able to place boulders and rock to slow the damage. If we continue to receive significant rain, we should at least anticipate closing Pilgrim and moving traffic flow onto Esparanza. The road can only take so much damage and repair cycles before it will be risky for public safety. We can't make real fixes until it stops raining and the road has already suffered a section of edge loss. It seems to be doing ok now but it can change quickly. Forest Service personnel from McCloud will be checking on it daily and more often during storms. As of right now, it will be ok to keep open and we have signs up. If we continue to see additional de-stabilization of the road due to weather and water run-off, closing the road is a possibility. If this should occur, communication and all notifications with all pertinent parties will occur.

Feel free to reach out with any questions and please share with anyone I may have missed.

Thank you



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