Historical Listing of road flooding / website posts: Move to file on June 16, 2011.

May 13, 2011

President Declares Hand County as a disaster area. Follow this link for more details: [State of South Dakota](http://apps.sd.gov/news/showDoc.aspx?i=13390)

April 18, 2011

The following road **closures** are being added to the list:

* 373rd Avenue (Six miles south of Zell) near 178th Street is now closed completely.
* 174th Street (2 miles south of Zell) from 373rd Avenue to the east (airport road) is now closed completely.

April 15, 2011

As of this morning, the following roadways south of Zell / Rockham are either flooded or in danger of flooding:

* 174th Street from 373rd Avenue (Zell road) east to 374th Avenue / Spink County line (airport road). Flooded
* 176th Street from 370th Avenue to 373rd Avenue, barricaded and flooded between 371st Avenue and 372nd Avenue.
* 373rd Avenue (Zell road) from 174th Avenue to 177th Avenue is barricaded with flooding between 174th Street and 176th Street.

This entire area is seeing in increase in standing water. Any travel in this area should be done with extreme caution. Expect areas of soft road conditions and possible standing water.

April 4, 2011

* 186th Street is reported as open to travel
* 182nd Street remains closed as indicated below
* 174th Street south of Zell is reported as closed

All other county roads listed below are open but still subject to cautionary travel. Use caution when traveling any roadways!

Township & State roads are not listed here.

March 25, 2011

* 186th Street between 351st Avenue & 352nd Avenue has been reclosed.
* All information from March 24, 2011 still applies.

March 24, 2011

The Hand County Highway has listed the following roads as barricaded:

* ~~188th Street between 365th Avenue & 367th Avenue (North of St. Lawrence)~~ Reopenned to traffic at 5 P.M.
* 366th Avenue between US HWY 212 & 174th Street (Southwest of Rockham)
* 356th Avenue between 177th Street & 179th Street (Southeast of Orient)
* 354th Avenue between 182nd Street and 183rd Street (South of Polo)
* 179th Street between 371st Avenue & 372nd Avenue (Southwest of Zell)
* 182nd Street between 357th Avenue & 358th Avenue (Southeast of Polo) Added at 5 P.M.
* 365th Avenue between 191st Street & 192nd Street (Bridge damaged, Northeast of St. Lawrence) Added at 5 P.M.
* 186th Street is reopenned to traffice as of 5:00 P.M.
* 208th Street between 365th Avenue and 366th Avenue (Southeast of Miller) added at 5 P.M.

March 23, 2011

County gravel roads in the northern half of the county continue to experience some flooding. Driver's should expect to see standing water and consider alternate travel routes. Above all, do not drive through a flooded area. Again, conditions can and do change each hour. Assume the worse and be prepared to stop and find an alternate route.

There are reports of culverts being washed out, caved in or completely gone. These sites are scattered all over the northern half of the county. To our understanding, all such sites are either flagged or barricaded.

Township road conditions are not reported to the county for placement on this website. We do not have any data related to the conditions of township roads. We have received "rumors" that each of the various townships have flooded roadways and culverts washed out. We suggest you call ahead to your destination to determine the best route to travel.

Many people have asked about FEMA assistance for repairs. The County Commission has not declared an emergency as of yet. It is likely but not confirmed that the commission will be asked for a declaration. If approved the declaration will be forwarded to the state for review and consideration. We are suggesting that townships with damage memorialize all work (materials and labor) associated with the repairs so you can prepare the reports more accurately and timely in the event that assistance is offered. It is recommended that you take photographs. You cannot take too many but you can have too few.

Any announcement on a disaster declaration will be posted on the official newspaper for the county, *The Miller Press*. The commission meets next on April 5th.

March 21, 2011

The Highway Department Reports the following roads "closed" due to water over the road:

* 188th Street from 364th Avenue east to 366th Avenue
* 366th Avenue from US HWY 212 south to 174th Street
* 185th Street from 368th Avenue west to 363rd Avenue.
* 186th Street from 350th Avenue east to 354th Avenue.
* 183rd Street from 356th Avenue to 358th Avenue.

Many township roads remain water soaked or have water running across them. Extreme caution is advised.

March 17, 2011:

The following roads are having known flooding issues, please consider an alternate route:

* 363rd Avenue from 191st Street south to 193rd Street (North of St. Lawrence)
* 369th Avenue from 193rd Strret south to 196th Street (North of Vayland)
* 374th Avenue 2 miles north of Wessington (US HWY 14) potential to re-flood.
* 349th Avenue 2 to four miles north of US HWY 14 (Ree Heights Junction), flooding.
* 355th Avenue 2 to 4 miles south of Orient. Flooded late this afternoon.
* All townships roads are waterlogged and soft. Caution should be exercised in the next coming days.
* There is about 10 to 15% snow cover but the snow which remains is heavy with moisture.
* Report any flooded roads which are not marked to law enforcement
	+ Hand County Sheriff's Office: 605-853-2408 (staffed until midnight)
	+ Miller Police Department: 605-853-2400 (staffed 24/7)
	+ EMERGENCIES: Dial 911. Do not hang up until told.

These roads are marked and have barricades present.