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Flooding Results in Interstate 40 Lane Closures

Milan, NM – Interstate 40 will be reduced to one lane in both directions about 20 miles west of Albuquerque at To'hajiilee until the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) can repair a failed median drop inlet. Heavy rainfall over the last few days has caused the drop inlet to fail, creating a giant hole in the median, approximately 20 feet deep.

Passing lanes in both directions of the Interstate will be closed until the necessary repairs can be made. NMDOT is currently securing I-40 and will barricade the hole with concrete wall barrier to protect the traveling public. Acquisition of materials is underway and crews will begin shoring the site, to prevent further collapse and repairing the median drop inlet. All work is expected to last throughout the weekend.

“NMDOT is committed to protecting the traveling public and will continue monitoring all roadways during these predicted rainstorm events over the next few days,” said Anthony Lujan, Deputy Secretary of Operations, NMDOT.

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