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Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

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RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

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Road Closure: Blaine Road @ Boulder Creek MP 4.1

Our Engineering Consultants have recommended that we close Blaine Road at MP 4.1. The culvert located at Boulder Creek has been completely destroyed and is essentially gone for most of its length. In addition, there are significant voids some up to 3 feet deep behind the walls extending up as high as the mid height of the pipe. The road has continued to settle, and the dip continues to grow, even as we have patched it.

We are concerned about the stability of the structure under continued and unrestricted traffic loading and the severe deterioration of the culvert with the progressive increase in observed settlement of the roadway. The culvert collapse is obviously unpredictable, and our concern is for the travelling public.

The road will be closed from **Monday, August 17th, 2009** until we find the funds to replace this structure. Residents and the public will be able to use the detour on Blankenship Road until further notice.

We greatly thank you for your patience and consideration, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The safety of the travelling public is of the utmost importance to us.

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