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Subject: Projected Flooding

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has received information from the California Department of Water Resources that the Eel River at Fernbridge is projected to reach a level of 24' tonight. This is 4' over flood stage. If this projection is accurate, Highway 211 at Fernbridge may be flooded and impassable late this evening until early morning when the river recedes. The Sheriff's Office and Humboldt County Public Works Department are taking steps to ensure equipment and personnel are ready to respond if needed to surrounding areas. The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is in contact with the Department of Water Resources. The public is encouraged to avoid the area this evening. The following are areas that could be affected based on past history:

22.0 Feet Moderate flooding. The western half of the Eel Delta may be completely flooded especially if the river remains at or above this level for an extended period of time. This includes areas northwest of Loleta and the western portion of Cannibal Island Road. Owners of livestock in low-lying areas of the Eel Delta should take appropriate action to protect livestock from rising river levels.

24.0 Feet Moderate flooding of Highway 211 to Ferndale south of Fernbridge. Much of the Eel Delta may be flooded including areas northwest of Loleta the western portion of Cannibal Island Road. Flooding will be enhanced for longer duration events. Owners of livestock in low-lying areas of the Eel Delta should take appropriate action to protect livestock from rising river levels.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens to stay away from flooded areas and do not drive across flooded roadways.

Humboldt County Public Works has been working around the clock over the last several days.

The following roads have been affected by the recent storms:

Closed Due to Flooding

Port Kenyon Road, between Market Street and California Street
Meridian Road, between Port Kenyon Road and Centerville Road
California Street, between Port Kenyon Road and Van Ness Avenue
Kimtu Road at Camp Kimtu
Glendale Drive, PM 2.00
Hookton Road at Eel River Drive
Howard Heights Road
Berta Road
Elk River Road, SE of Zane Road
Mad River Road, PM 3.2 (Tyee City)

Closed Due to Slide or Slip Out

Blue Slide Road, PM 2.40
Shively Flat Road at School Rd

Flooded, Not Closed

Dyerville Loop Road, PM 2.64, 4WD only
Crannell Road, 4WD only
Freshwater Road, several locations
Old Arcata Road @ Jacoby Creek
Old Arcata Road, between Redmond Road and Ole Hanson Road
Elk Creek Road, South of Pine Hill Rd
Zane Road

Other Restrictions

Sprowel Creek Road near Leino, 1 lane
Mattole Road PM 11.00, 1 lane
Mattole Road PM 13.66, 1 lane
Mattole Road, PM 40.5, 1 lane
Mattole Road, PM 20.00, 1 lane
Alderpoint Road, approx PM 11.00, 1 lane

The boat at McCann will not be operating today due to large amount of debris in water.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will continue to monitor conditions.

Mike Downey
Sheriff