

UPDATE

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Road closed indefinitely on Desert National Wildlife Refuge

Recent heavy rains cause significant damage to Mormon Well Road

LAS VEGAS — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) today announced that the northern end of Mormon Well Road on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge is closed indefinitely. A number of flash floods in the Sheep Range over the past 10 days destroyed portions of the road.

Mormon Well Road is open to traffic on its southern end from Corn Creek to the Desert Pass Campground. The campground remains open at this time.

Mormon Well Road is closed to all traffic from U.S. 93 to the Desert Pass Campground. The route is barricaded and will remain closed until further notice. The Service will assess the damage to determine how best to repair the road and how long it will take to complete the repairs.

Alamo Road remains open from Corn Creek to Sheep Pass; however, four-wheel-drive is needed to negotiate the road between Corn Creek and Cow Camp Road. Motorists are encouraged to contact the wildlife refuge to check conditions before driving on Alamo Road.

It is a federal offense to move or otherwise alter a barricade for the purpose of accessing the closed portion of the road. Anyone moving, modifying or stealing a barricade will be stopped and cited by Service Law Enforcement Officers.

Please check this [website](#) for updated information or contact the wildlife refuge by phone at 702-879-6110.

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NOTE: See photo on next page.



FWS Photo by Amy Sprunger

Caption: A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee surveys a stretch of Mormon Well Road that was turned into a wash by recent flooding. This damaged portion of the road is north of the Desert Pass Campground on the Desert National Wildlife Refuge north of Las Vegas.