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CAMPBELL HIGHWAY CLOSED DUE TO WASHOUTS

WHITEHORSE – The Department of Highways and Public Works has closed Highway 4, the Campbell Highway from Ross River south to Watson Lake due to high water and washouts.

Last winter's higher than normal snow levels combined with current rain and high temperatures have contributed to the washouts.

There are two large washouts; one at kilometre 39 and another at kilometre 64. There are smaller washouts between kilometre 16 and 154.

For reference, Francis River is at kilometre 57, McDonald Creek is at kilometre 16 and Tuchtua Maintenance Camp is at kilometre 111.

Department officials have flown over the area and they are currently developing a repair plan. Repairs cannot proceed until the water level drops, which is dependent on the weather.

The highway will be closed all weekend and the department anticipates it to re-open during the next week.

The department has notified the RCMP of this closure. Motorists are asked to check with the road report for changes to the highway condition at 1-877-456-7623.

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