

Press Release

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Forest Road 268 – Middle Fork of the Boise River to Atlanta

Closed Until Further Notice

The Atlanta Highway District has passed an official resolution closing the Middle Fork of the Boise River road above Loftus hot springs at mile marker 34. The heavy rains on August 6th caused a major mudslide down the Big Five Creek drainage. This mudslide effectively rechanneled the Boise River up and across the road, destroying approximately 1/3 mile of the road bed. Major repairs will be necessary to rebuild this section of road at mile marker 38. At this time and until further notice, there is no through access to Swanholm or to the community of Atlanta on Forest Highway 82.

The AHD resolution also closes this road (FH 82) to public traffic from the Atlanta side (NE) at Alexander Flat and the Road Creek trail, below mile marker 41. The public is encouraged to avoid travel on this section of FH 82 and to drive cautiously because heavy machinery will be working on adjoining portions of the road.

The community of Atlanta is still accessible using Highway 21 through Idaho City, to Granite Creek/Rabbit Creek or over Morse Creek summit to the Edna Creek camp ground using FR 348. Access is also available from the south from Featherville, using the James Creek or Phifer Creek roads.