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FOREST ROAD CLOSED DUE TO ROAD WASHOUT

Hamilton, MT, – The Stevensville Ranger District has announced that it is closing a section of the road to the Glen Lake trailhead due to a washout from high water near the Smith Creek crossing. A culvert inlet is plugged with debris from spring runoff and water from the creek is flowing around the culvert. This has created a large void under the road surface making travel unsafe.

The washout is located on the road to the Glen Lake Trailhead near the crossing at Smith Creek - approximately 3 miles south of the Big Creek trailhead. Forest officials plan to repair the road as soon as water levels drop and a contractor can be hired, which could take several weeks.

Notify your local Forest Service office of any road damage, downed trees, plugged culverts or flooding conditions on Forest Service roads. For more information contact the Stevensville Ranger District at (406) 777-5461.