



# EL DORADO COUNTY

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## UPDATE TO MT. MURPHY ROAD BRIDGE CLOSURE

January 16, 2025

**(PLACERVILLE, CA)** – The El Dorado County’s Department of Transportation and structural engineers today inspected the Mt. Murphy Road Bridge over the South Fork American River in Coloma due to damage sustained to the bridge Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and has reopened it for pedestrian traffic only. The bridge remains closed to vehicles, which are still advised to use Mt. Murphy Road to Marshall Road in Garden Valley to exit the northeast side of the river.

Vehicles over 30 feet are not advised on Mt. Murphy Road. Motorists should also allow extra time when traveling through the detour to arrive at their destinations on time. Due to the narrow one lane road condition of Bayne Road and Mt. Murphy Road, only local traffic is advised.

Transportation staff completed minor repairs on the bridge railing. From the site visit today with Transportation’s structural engineers and specialized inspection equipment, it has been determined that there is no significant damage beyond what is visible. A contractor will be hired to complete the necessary structural repairs. The completion date is unknown as this time, but it is estimated that the closure to vehicular traffic will last at least one month.

The County sincerely appreciates the cooperation and patience of motorists that use this bridge, and we apologize for the inconvenience of this closure.

For questions regarding this closure, please contact the County’s Transportation main line at (530) 621-5900 or (530) 642-4909.