



## PRESS RELEASE

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The flooding events across Dickinson County have changed slightly over the course of the past few days, with the following details being known at this time.

All paved roads across the Smoky Hill River in Dickinson County are now open except for Jeep Road. Solomon Road, Eden Road, K-43, and Rain Road have been re-opened due to the drop in water levels no longer being across those driving surfaces. Jeep Road remains closed with a significant amount of water still present across the roadway just south of 2200 Avenue.

The water levels at Solomon have dropped slightly, however water was still present on the west end of Main Street and in the fields along Solomon Road south of town. Flooding of the fields and areas is still prevalent.

The river level at Sand Springs on Eden Road as of this morning has dropped slightly. Even though the roadway is now open, the river levels remain above flood stage and continue to hold that level.

The river level south of Abilene on K-15 remains well below the roadway and K-15 remains open. There is evidence of a slight drop in the river level but it remains well above flood stage and the adjacent fields along the river are still level with river water.

Dickinson County EMS crews that were stationed in Enterprise have been removed and are now back in their normal quarters in Abilene, however provisions were left in place should that response be necessary again in the near future.

Dickinson County is not out of danger as yet. Significant rains and other factors upstream from our county can and will have a tremendous impact on the water levels here and what happens in the future. It is recommended for the time being that all sand bags and preventive measures be left in place in the event that the water again rises.

Anyone with information regarding a road closure or high water should report that information to the Dickinson County 911 Center at 785-263-4041. Many of these roads that have been closed are now open. A map of the current road closings is available on the county website at [www.dkcoks.org](http://www.dkcoks.org).

And again, DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER. The recent waters have caused a substantial amount of damage to the existing roads and bridges, and what may have been safe to drive before the water may not be so now. So allow the authorities time to check those roads and bridges before you risk driving across them. If the barricades are up, do not drive around them. The road may not be safe to do so, even though it looks OK. You have no way of knowing if the road is washed out under the water or not, so abide by the signs and turn around.