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## Closure of Bardwell Dam Road

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – Larry Buck, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Operations Manager at Bardwell Lake, announced today that the Corps of Engineers acting in concert with Ellis County Commissioner Larry Jones would be closing Bardwell Dam Road to thru traffic today until further notice. This is a gravel county road that runs behind Bardwell Dam and connects Observation Drive with FM 985. Inspection of the bridge over Waxahachie Creek today revealed that the channel has severely eroded into the right downstream (southwestern) bridge abutment. Additional erosion is likely with continuing rain and releases from the lake. A strong potential exists for the road to cave in along the joint with the concrete bridge deck, which would be extremely dangerous to unwary traffic.

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