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ROAD CLOSURE ON NH ROUTE 16 IN DUMMER, NH WASHOUT SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 110-A

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces the closure of NH Route 16 in Dummer from the Intersection with NH Route 110-A south to intersection of NH Route 110-B with Route 16. Parts of Route 16 will be open to local traffic. Northbound and southbound through traffic will be detoured via Routes 110-A and 110-B.

This closure is required due to a washout on Route 16 along the Androscoggin River. The roadway fill slope and pavement surface has become compromised and the NHDOT has closed this area to all traffic.

Geo-technical engineers are currently evaluating this washout. Heavy rain on Sunday, steepness of the slope and closeness of the road to the river has caused concern about the remaining roadway structure. Pending evaluation of this road, the NHDOT will be formulating plans to repair and repave Route 16.