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Flooding Causes Closure of Lower Panther Creek Road

High water along Panther Creek has washed out a section of the road about three and a half miles above the mouth of Panther Creek forcing the closure of the road according to Salmon-Cobalt District Ranger Kimberly Nelson. “ Most of the road is washed out in a 200 foot stretch along the creek just below the Hade place and the road is not safe for vehicles,” Nelson said.

The road is closed just above and below the washout. Most of the road is still open but traffic cannot pass through washout area. Warning signs have been placed at Napias Creek and at the junction of Panther Creek road and the Salmon River road. The Forest Service Road Crew will be working to re-open the road as soon as possible. The upper Panther Creek Road and the Salmon River Road remain open.

During the high water season drivers are urged to be extra cautious while driving on roads located next to streams or on steep hillsides where rock fall and mudslides can occur.