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RE: Press Release

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Sargent County Emergency Manager, Wendy Willprecht, is warning drivers to be cautious of flooding and other hazards that are plaguing many county and township roads in Sargent County. Unseasonably high rainfall amounts during the summer and fall have caused many roads to be closed due to flooding. Townships are struggling to keep up with the road closures as many township officers are busy with harvest during this time of year. Officers are reporting vandalism to signs, signs being taken down or signs being stolen all together. This creates a risk to unsuspecting drivers and we have a higher volume of traffic on our rural roads due to the hunting season and fall harvest. Law Enforcement warns that individuals that tamper with signs could be charged with Interfering with a Traffic Control Device and or Criminal Mischief, both of which are punishable by fines and possible civil liabilities. Individuals found entering, driving around or through road closed areas are subject to high fines and any costs associated with any rescue or recovery from that prohibited area. Please report any hazardous road conditions that are not marked to your township or county officials.