

DAMAGE SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT

DISASTER CA25-3
DECEMBER 2024 WINTER STORMS

TRINITY COUNTY

COMMENCING DECEMBER 15, 2024

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California Department of Transportation
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Introduction

This Damage Survey Summary Report (DSSR) has been prepared for submission to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in response to a series of winter storm systems impacting Trinity County, which first began on December 15, 2024. According to FHWA's Emergency Relief Manual (May 2013), the purpose of this DSSR is to "summarize the damage assessment and provide information and documentation for the FHWA Division Administrator to make a finding that a natural disaster or catastrophic failure has occurred within the intent of 23 U.S.C. 125." The DSSR also "provides the Division Administrator with a basis to make a finding that the disaster is eligible for funding under the FHWA ER program."

Damage Description

Beginning December 15, 2024, a series of severe winter storm systems struck the State of California, bringing high winds and substantial precipitation to Trinity County. The storms affected critical infrastructure, resulting in damages including roadway slip outs.

On May 28, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for the series of winter storm systems events impacting Trinity County. A copy of the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation is included in this Damage Survey Summary Report.

Damage Estimate

To date, the estimated cost to repair or reconstruct the damage to federal-aid highways in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 125 is \$4.04 million for Local facilities. There are no reported damages to State facilities.

Additional Information

The following attached information describes the winter storm system damage in additional detail:

- Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation May 28, 2025.
- Local damage estimates (to date).
- Sample pictures of reported damage sustained

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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on December 15, 2024, and December 29, 2024, Trinity County was impacted by severe rainstorms lasting several days ("2024 December Storms"); and

WHEREAS the 2024 December Storms caused 15 to 30 mile-per-hour winds and approximately two inches of rain throughout the area; and

WHEREAS the 2024 December Storms caused severe damage to roads and bridges throughout the County, resulting in an imminent threat to life and safety; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the 2024 December Storms in Trinity County; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the 2024 December Storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by the 2024 December Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the 2024 December Storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Trinity County due to the 2024 December Storms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.

3. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to the 2024 December Storms.
4. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for local road and highway repairs or reconstruction that are needed due to the 2024 December Storms.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 28th day
of May 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D
Secretary of State

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LOCAL
DAMAGE ESTIMATES

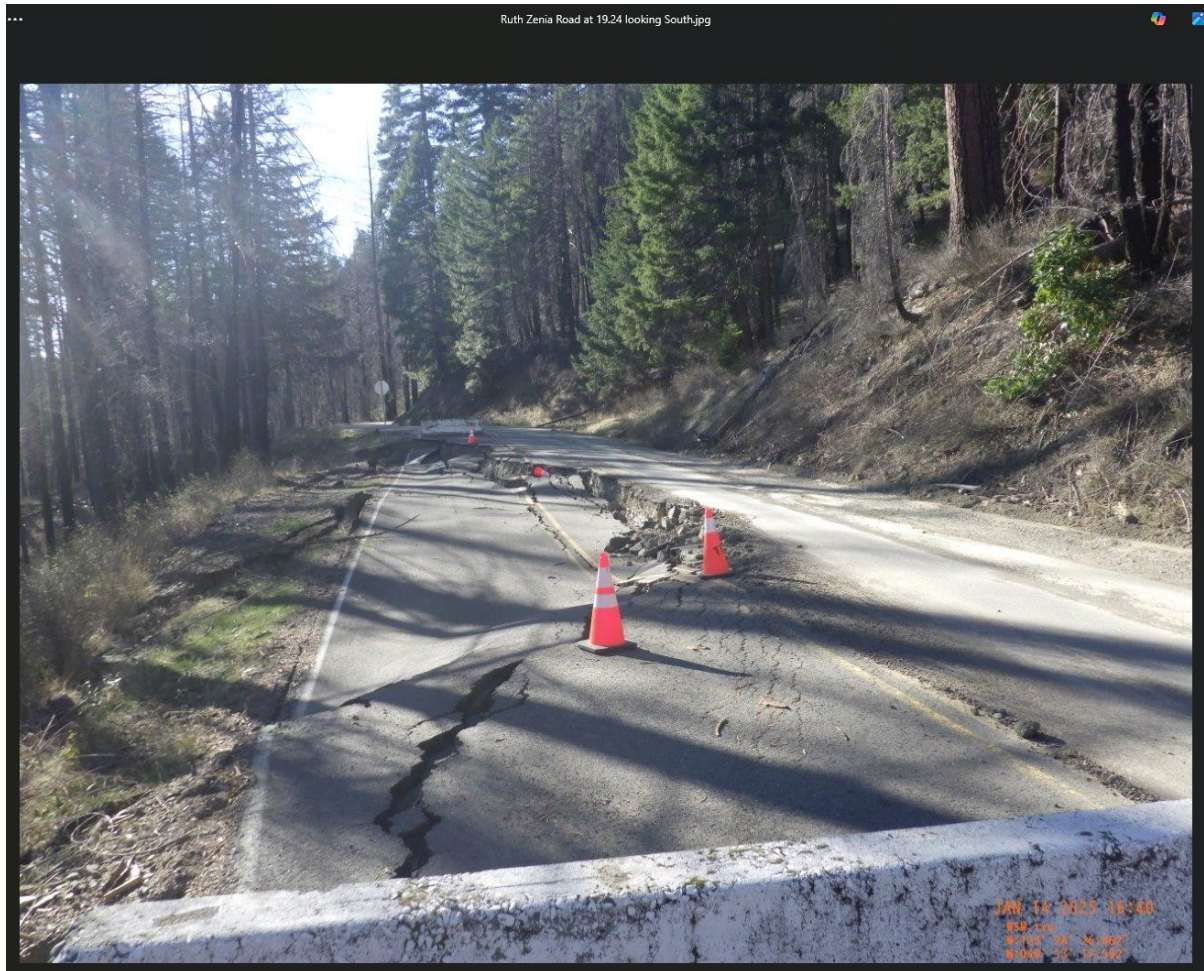
Local Damage Estimate CA23-1:

Disaster Damage Site Information				Emergency Opening (EO)				Perm. Repair (PR)		Project Total
DISTRICT	COUNTY	ROUTE	Federal-aid Roadway ^{***} (check)	PM (Begin)	PM (End)	EO Force Account	EO Contract	EO Total Estimated Cost (C = A + B)	PR Total Estimated Cost	Estimated Total Cost
2	TRI	CR511 - Van Duzen Road	Yes	11.13		\$ 10,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,510,000	\$ -	\$ 2,510,000
2	TRI	CR520 - Ruth Zenia Road	Yes	19.24		\$ 25,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,525,000	\$ -	\$ 1,525,000
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Grand Total									\$ 4,035,000	\$ -

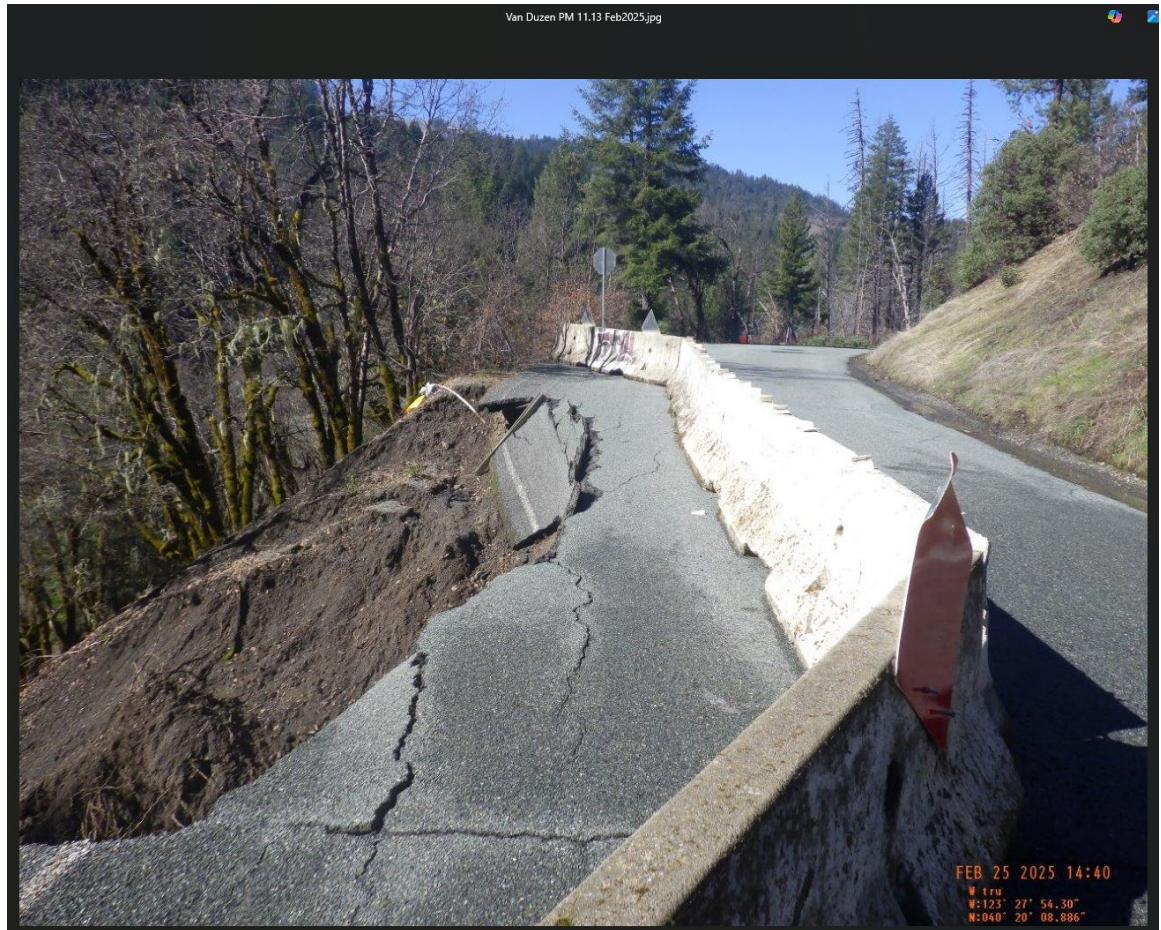
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PHOTOGRAPHS



Ruth Zenia Road – Slip Out - PM 19.24



Van Duzen Road – Slip Out - PM 11.13