

Flooding Consequences Continue

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There are still consequences to the weekend deluge that spilled over into Monday morning. The N.C. Department of Transportation has closed a section of N.C. 90 in Collettsville, north of Lenoir, to repair a slope next to the highway damaged due to the storm. The repairs began at 8 a.m. yesterday, and should be completed by 3:30 p.m. tomorrow—weather permitting. Flooding and runoff from heavy rains loosened the soil next to the road between Adako Road and Old Johns River Road. Crews will haul in large rocks to rebuild the embankment and repair the southbound lane of N.C. 90. While the closure is in place, motorists have few detour options, the one suggested by the DOT takes motorist on Globe Mountain Road to Mulberry Creek Road back to N.C. 90.

Even as the rains abated yesterday, rising water forced the National Guard to move all their trucks from the back lot on their property on Hunting Hills Lane. It was late in the day before a number of area roads were reopened, including Deerfield just past Watauga Medical Center and Bamboo near the airport. It was also late in the afternoon before all BREMCO service was restored, with a number of new outages cropping up across their service area during the day, finally restored late in the afternoon. Mid afternoon there were well over 800 customers without power, but the largest outage of the storm came after a tree fell on a power line in Watauga County Sunday night affecting more than 5,000 members from around 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.