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## Bill Taylor Road Reopened to Traffic, Cook Road to Follow

*Troup County, Ga. September 11, 2019* – Troup County Roads and Engineering has reopened Bill Taylor Road to traffic, effective September 11, 2019. Cook Road is set to open in mid-September, weather permitting.

A portion of both roadways were completely washed out during the April 2019 flooding event in Troup County. Road crews have worked diligently to replace the previously existing corrugated metal pipes with reinforced concrete precast double barrel box culverts on both roadways simultaneously. These are the largest roadway drainage structures built in-house by the Roads and Engineering department to date.

During the flooding event, 28 county roads were closed due to flooding, 13 of which were damaged. Portions of Wright Road, Bill Taylor Road, and Cook Road were completely washed out, and the South Thompson Road Bridge was severely damaged.

At this time, all affected areas have been reopened with the exception of Cook Road and the South Thompson Road Bridge. Cook Road is set to reopen shortly in mid-September, weather permitting, while the South Thompson Road Bridge replacement project is expected to conclude by the end of the year, weather permitting.

The County would like to urge the public to remain cautious and obey all work zone/speed advisory signs on Bill Taylor Road, as it is still considered a work zone. All affected roads remain essential priorities.

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