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FRA URGES CAUTION WITH INCREASED RISK OF FLOODING IN LOW LYING AREAS

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With heavy showers expected across the country, Fiji Roads Authority (FRA) Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Moore is urging members of the public to remain vigilant as there is a risk of further flooding in low-lying areas.

“The FRA has been taking advantage of gaps in the weather to restore access, however, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to reinstate some road conditions,” Mr Moore said.

He said the wet road network and continuous rain experienced in the past few weeks is impeding our contractors’ ability to carry out repair work on roads.

“The incessant rain in many low-lying areas is causing localised flooding, washouts to bridge and crossing approaches which has resulted in further damage to recently repaired and maintained sections of the roads.”

Mr Moore said the rain event had also inevitably resulted in an increase in the number of potholes.

“Motorists should exercise caution when encountering potholes. We have increased the number of teams to manage this issue.”

In the meantime, he said the FRA is placing road safety signs to advise motorists of hazards such as crossing washouts and flooded roads.

“Motorists are advised to keep a safe following distance, avoid speeding and drive with extra care.”

NB: List for Roads Closed:

Roads Closed in Central:

- Colata Cocoa Crossing on Colata Cocoa Road, Korovou
- Waidradra Crossing on Vatulili Road, Naqali

Road Closed in the Western Division:

- Burelevu Crossing on Nailuva Road in Rakiraki

Road Closed in the eastern Division:

- Koro Circular Road from Kade to Navaga

All roads in the Northern Division remain open.

Map: Keep up with all road closure details from the heavy rain event from the link below:

<https://gis.fijiroads.org/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=38eb96c0b27040e6af13c31cbba490c1>

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