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STATE ROAD 50 BRIDGE REOPENS

OCOEE – Crews have reopened a section of State Road (S.R.) 50, between Apopka Vineland Road and Good Homes Road, near Ocoee, where a bridge was damaged during a severe thunderstorm Saturday afternoon, June 6, 2009. Travel over the bridge, across Lake Sherwood, is now limited to one lane in each direction, and is expected to remain that way for time being.

This particular stretch of S.R. 50 is being widened. The project began in January, 2009. Heavy downpours during the severe storm caused water to flow rapidly under the bridge, washing out the area where the road connects to the bridge, and damaging the east side of the structure. The rushing water also washed away an area where construction equipment was staged, sinking some of the equipment. Crews are evaluating the amount of fuel that got into the water. It's believed it was less than 100 gallons. A sewer pipe, along the bridge, was damaged, and is being repaired. Officials from Orange County's Environmental Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) were also on the scene to evaluate.

Overnight Tuesday, June 9 into early Wednesday morning June 10, 2009, crews will again close S.R. 50 between Apopka Vineland Road and Good Homes Road to make more repairs. Motorists traveling in the area are advised to use caution, be patient and watch for detours near the construction site.

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