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## Situation Report



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Earthquake Damage Situation Report, Monday, 11/5/2002 11:34:43 AM

**Tok Cutoff Highway will open 7am-7pm Tuesday, November 5, 2002 to pilot car, single lane traffic. Expect one hour delays. DOT Maintenance and Operations continue work on temporary repairs on this highway throughout Tuesday. Some damage to Alaska Highway was reported, this has already been repaired by DOT crews on Sunday. Miller Creek bridge on the Richardson is now open to two way traffic. DOT is asking the public to reduce speed and watch for loose gravel in newly repaired areas.**

### Highway Damage:

#### **Richardson Highway: Road Open.**

DOT crews have made temporary repairs to open the Richardson Highway. The road narrows to one lane in several areas. Drivers are advised to watch for workers and equipment working in and along roadway.

The following is DOT's assessment of the damages to the Richardson:

Milepost 197, Gunn Creek, 6 inch-2 foot crack up to 5 feet deep.

Milepost 205-210, cracks in the road (reported 2-8 feet deep).

Numerous slides in this area.

Milepost 208-210, slide over hundreds of cubic yards, cleared to fog line.

Milepost 215, road shifted sideways by 4 feet, for over 100 feet, 4-5 feet wide crack, up to 10-12 feet deep

Milepost 216, Miller Creek Bridge, both lanes are open to traffic, 3-4 foot gap in road.

#### **Alaska Highway: Road Open.**

Milepost 1269 (just North of Northway), 4.5 foot wide crack across the road.

There are smaller cracks (3 inches wide and about 3 feet deep) in this area.

DOT made emergency repairs Sunday afternoon. Drivers are advised to use caution in this area.

#### **Tok Cutoff: Road Open via pilot car, one lane traffic, 7am-7pm only. Expect one hour delay.**

Milepost 45-48, Multiple rock slides reported

MP 74-80, road has dropped as much as 6 feet for extensive reaches along highway

#### **Mentasta Road: Road closed at 3 mile.**

Residents have a one lane pioneer road through the trees. Reports of no power and damage to structures.

**Parks Highway: Road is open.** Milepost 258, 3 foot crack, 3 foot deep. Southbound lane was damaged, DOT has made a gravel patch on Sunday afternoon and both lanes are open. Some slides reported, have been cleared from roadway.

#### **Northway Road: Road is Open.**

Settled as much as a foot in areas, several crevices.

#### **Tetlin has reported damage to local roads.**

### Airport Damage:

#### **Northway Airport closed.**

8 inch drop along centerline of runway, 2-8 inch crevices, one foot heaves along entire runway.

For more information contact Shannon McCarthy, DOT Northern Region information officer, at 451-2240.