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## Flood Closes SH 15 West of Red Rock

Flood waters from Red Rock creek had spilled out over a wide area Thursday, closing state highway 15 two miles west of Red Rock.

State highway department officials said the road is expected to remain closed to traffic through Friday, because of slow drainage in the area. The highway is covered with 18 inches of water and

is flooded over nearly a mile-long stretch.

Billings schools reopened Thursday after being closed Wednesday because of flooding along Red Rock creek and other small streams. The high waters flooded creek crossings at bridges.

One 36-passenger school bus was over two hours late in arriving Thursday morning at Billings. The bus is operated by Robert Hart in areas south of Billings. Pam Nelson, superintendent of schools at Billings, said the bus was having to detour several miles around water.

Jack Bond, superintendent of schools at Red Rock, said some Red Rock buses also had to detour several miles because of flood waters along Red Rock creek. Road crossings north of Red Rock also were blocked by the flood water. All four of Red Rock's buses arrived at school nearly on time, Bond said.

Noble county areas south of Red Rock creek were not troubled nearly as much. There was some minor flooding Wednesday along Black Bear creek, but no major roads were closed because of it.

Red Rock creek was sent on a rampage because of 3.82 inches of rain Tuesday night in the Billings area and heavy rains on the creek's watershed to the north.

Perry received a light shower during the noon hour Wednesday, but it failed to measure more than a trace. The city received .69 inches of rain Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

The forecast called for partly cloudy skies Thursday night and Friday in the local area.

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FLOOD INFO