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(Neb.)-Snowmelt Causing Hazardous Travel On Area Roads

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(Chadron)-Moisture in the Panhandle is a blessing, and warmer temperatures are always welcome, but mixing snow and warmth together can also be a dangerous situation. It was earlier reported that flooding conditions were present in Dawes County, and now Sioux County is reporting the same.

According to Dawes County Road Superintendent Larry Hankin, East River Road from Table Center to Squaw Mound Road is closed due to localized flooding caused by runoff from recent snowmelt. It has also been reported that White River is experiencing minor flooding attributed to the runoff, and local officials are monitoring water levels in the Crawford City Park.

Rachel Mader with the Sioux County Road Department said the entire county is seeing effects of snowmelt runoff as well. Mader said all county roads are a mess, and urges drivers to be careful. She said if someone sees water running across a road to not go through it. There have been several washouts throughout the county, and it is possible there is no road under the running water.

According to Mader, county crews are doing the best they can, but there is not a lot they can do. Crews are hoping that things will get better after the weekend, but they just have to wait and see.

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