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Again this week, many areas of South Carolina are experiencing heavy rains. Today, Dec. 30, 2015, twenty-nine roads were closed in 12 counties due to flooding or damage caused by the heavy rains that have fallen over the last 24 hours. The counties that have been impacted are: Abbeville, Cherokee, Fairfield, Florence, Greenville, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Saluda and Spartanburg.

SCDOT Maintenance crews will begin repairs as soon as favorable weather and ground conditions allow. Closed roads will be inspected more thoroughly once the water recedes prior to reopening to traffic.

SCDOT will continue to monitor roadway conditions and take the appropriate steps to close roadways as necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public. SCDOT county crews will be on-call statewide to respond to possible road flooding and potential for fallen trees due to soil saturation and high wind gusts forecasted.

Interim SCDOT Secretary Christy A. Hall advises motorists to use caution. "The average vehicle can be swept away in as little as 12 inches of moving water," Hall said.

Link to map and road closure list: <http://www.scdot-transfer.org/SCDOTPhotos/RoadClosures12302015.pdf>