

NEWS RELEASE

May 5, 2009

**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: EMERGENCY ROAD CLOSURE:
BELFAIR TAHUYA ROAD (TAHUYA RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRS)

Mason County Public Works Department will begin emergency bridge deck repairs on the temporary Tahuya River Bridge (Belfair Tahuya Road, approximately milepost 8.05 to 8.30) starting Thursday, May 7, 2009 to Sunday, May 10, 2009.

The repairs will require the bridge to be closed in maximum increments of 2 hours between 8:00pm and 12:00am; at which time, the bridge will remain closed until 4:00am. Normal operational hours will be from 4:00am to 8:00pm every day. This schedule will remain in effect until 4:00am Sunday, May 10, 2009, when the repairs are scheduled to be completed.

The contractor will be working around the clock, with flaggers on both sides of the road closure. The work will require the contractor to replace the driving deck planks, which will require upper and lower bridge deck work.

Elfendahl Pass Road to Bear Creek Dewatto to Tahuya Blacksmith to Belfair Tahuya Road will be used as the signed detour route.

Emergency vehicles will have access over the bridge during closure hours.

The construction of the permanent bridge is anticipated to be completed in November 2009.

If you have any questions about the County Road Project, please contact Public Works at (360) 427-9670, 275-4467, or 482-5269, Ext. 450.

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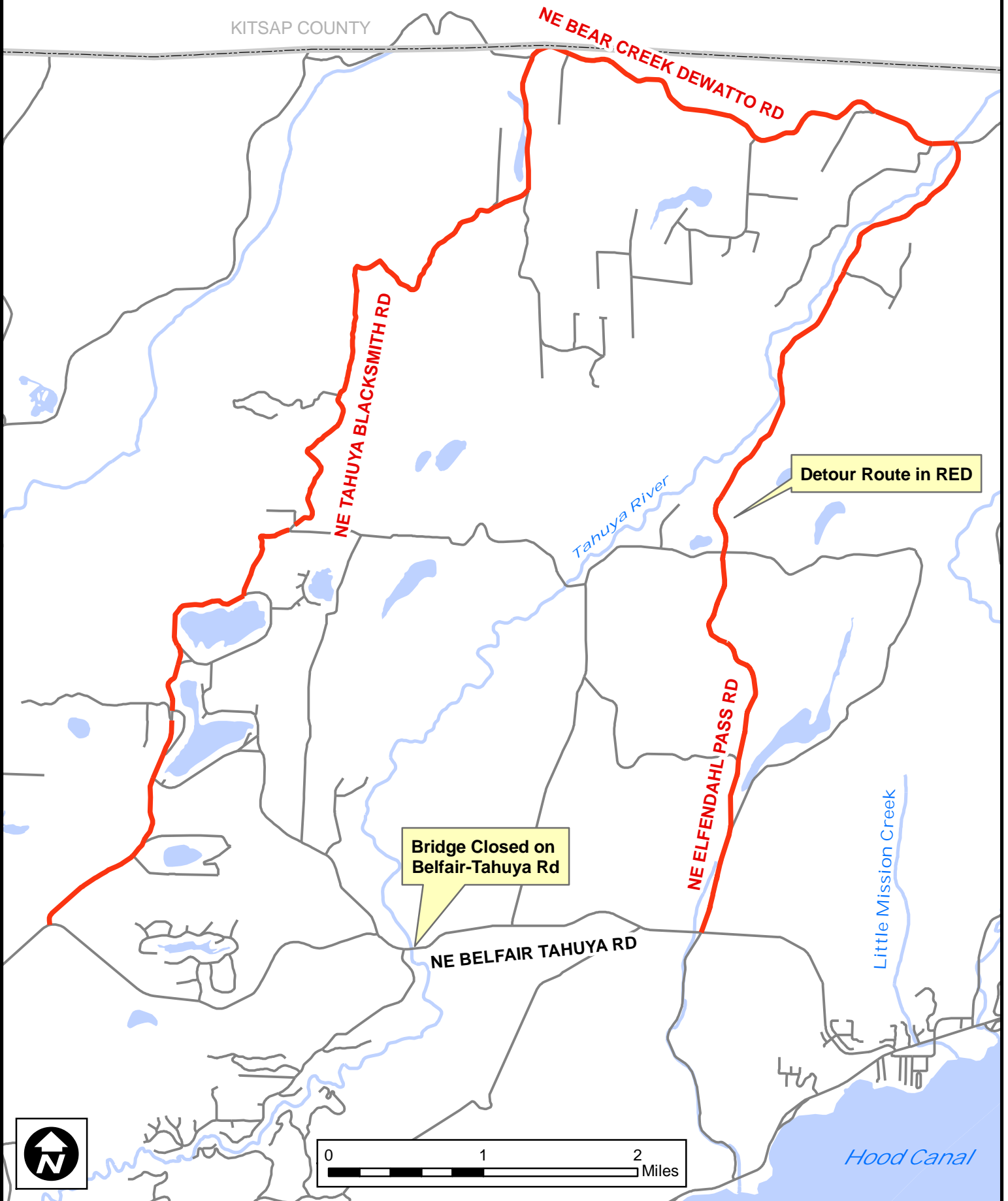
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Tahuya River Bridge Closure - Detour Map

May 7th - 10th, 2009

KITSAP COUNTY



Detour Route in RED

Bridge Closed on Belfair-Tahuya Rd

NE BELFAIR TAHUYA RD

0 1 2 Miles



Hood Canal

Little Mission Creek

Tahuya River

NE BEAR CREEK DEWATTO RD

NE TAHUYA BLACKSMITH RD

NE ELFENDAHL PASS RD