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County Announces Emergency Closure of Reichs Ford Road Bridge over Bush Creek

FREDERICK, MD – The Division of Public Works, Office of Highway Operations and Office of Transportation Engineering, announced today that the bridge over Bush Creek on Reichs Ford Road between Ijamsville Road and Bartonsville Road will be closed due to safety concerns regarding the bridge's structure. This closure will allow the Office of Transportation Engineering's consultant to perform a detailed inspection of the bridge structure and the Office of Highway Operations make repairs.

The structure, built in 1911 and rehabilitated in 1994, is a single span steel pony truss bridge of Warren design. The single lane bridge has a span length of approximately 52' with a clear roadway width of approximately 13'. The bridge structure currently has a posted weight restriction of 30,000 lbs.

A detour route will be in place during the road closure using Reels Mill Road, Ball Road and Ijamsville Road. The Office of Highway Operations has notified emergency personnel and school agencies.

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