

I-29 remains open despite MO River flooding

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - The Missouri River continues to rise and flood mostly rural land in Nebraska and Iowa, but Interstate 29 remains open near Omaha.**

**Iowa Transportation Department officials expect to have to close parts of I-29 at some point during this week's flooding.**

**The river is expected to crest Saturday near Omaha after overnight rains dropped 1-to-3 inches in the area.**

**The highway remained open Thursday morning although several onramps were closed in southwest Iowa.**

**The lower Missouri River is flooding in Nebraska and Iowa this week because exceptionally heavy rains fell last week in Montana, North and South Dakota and Nebraska.**

**Officials don't expect the floodwaters to cause significant damage to communities. But many levees remain damaged from severe flooding in the spring.**

**The floodwaters broke through two levees Wednesday in a rural area northeast of Omaha.**

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