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## News Release

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### **Portion of Ho'one Road in Po'ipū remains closed; County assessing damages caused by historic south swell**

PO'IPŪ – Due to extensive damage caused by a historic south swell over the weekend, Ho'one Road – from Pane Road to Pe'e Road – is closed to the public until further notice.

Only residents and workers within the affected area are permitted through the roadway on a limited basis. They can access Nalo Road from the west end of the closure.

“As a High Surf Warning and dangerous ocean conditions continue for the South Shore, we urge our residents and visitors to remain vigilant and stay away from the shorelines,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami.

The County of Kaua'i is assessing damages caused by the historic south swell over the weekend. In addition, details on repairs and further updates to Ho'one Road in Po'ipū and other County public structures will be announced when assessments are made.

Officials continue to urge the public to stay away from the shorelines along Po'ipū, other areas on the south shore, and west-facing beaches, as significant wave run-ups on roadways and into properties near shore were reported this weekend. In addition, organizers with events near the shore are urged to relocate or reconsider postponing their events.

According to the National Weather Service, a High Surf Warning remains in effect for south-facing shores through 6 p.m. on Monday, July 18. The warning may be extended or modified as conditions develop.

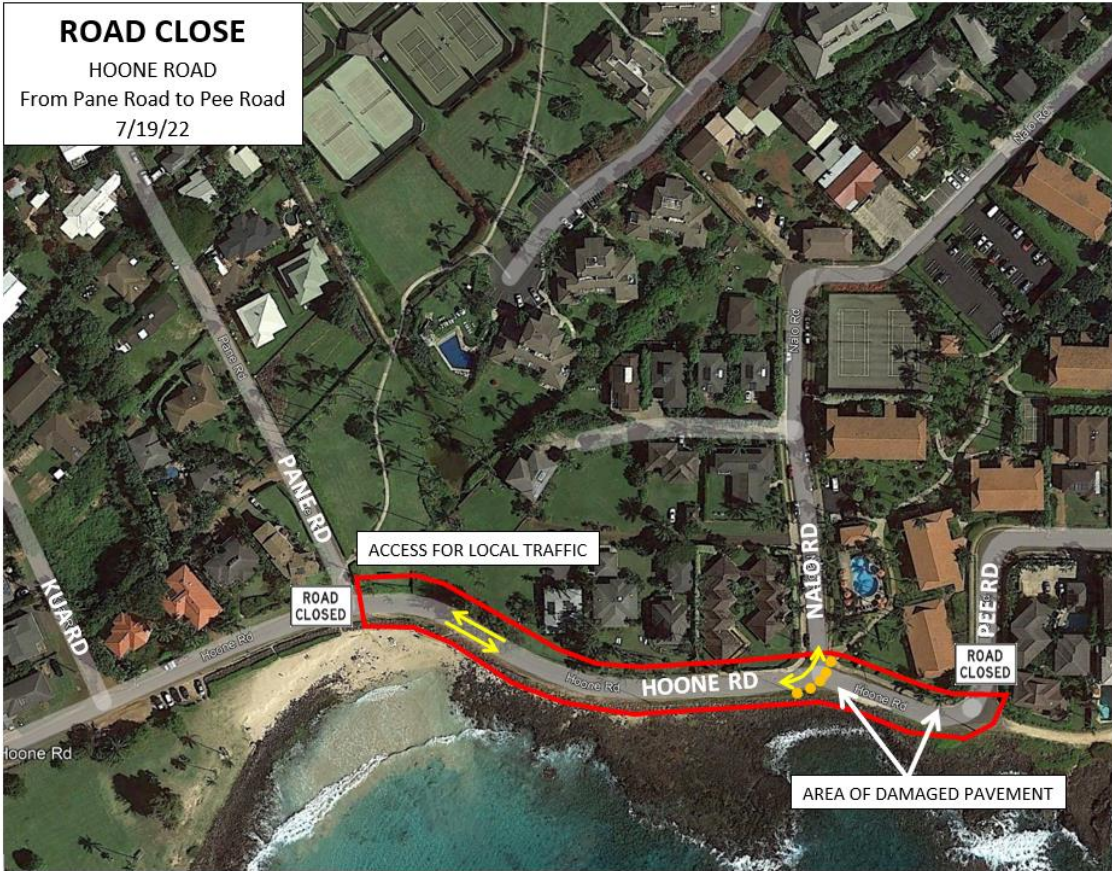
Surf of 15 to 20 feet is projected Monday, lowering to 14 to 18 feet Monday afternoon.

Until further notice, Ocean Safety Bureau officials continue to advise no swimming and snorkeling on south- and west-facing shores due to these dangerous ocean conditions.

Beachgoers are urged that large, breaking surf, significant shore break, and dangerous currents make entering the water hazardous. Anyone entering the water could face significant injury or death. Spectators are also urged to use extreme caution, as large breaking waves could make it dangerous for those standing along the shoreline.

For updated information on ocean and weather alerts, visit the NWS website, [www.weather.gov/hfo](http://www.weather.gov/hfo). For up-to-date information about Kaua'i ocean conditions and ocean safety, please speak to a county lifeguard at any lifeguard station, visit [www.hawaiibeachsafety.com](http://www.hawaiibeachsafety.com), or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 808-241-4984.

For information on the road closure, please call Bryson Vivas with the Department of Public Works at 808-241-4841.





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