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Hi everyone

Unfortunately we have to advise that members refrain, at least for another week, from coming to the reserve due to the massive impact the heavy rains have caused to our property.

20 January

Roads closed Marula, Cheetah walk, Driftwood/Floodplain, Secret valley, Sandbank hide to Southbank, Tamboti.

Ebony should be open tomorrow.

Paradise Lost hide- washed away.

Grietjie road – normal access road is passable for 4x4 vehicles. There are two alternative roads on Grietjie for normal vehicles. Kindly contact us for updates on these.

Causeway still standing but at some point the water was 1.5m above the highest part of the concrete slab that was put in 2 years ago. Approaches to the causeway will need repairing. It also appears that the concrete sleepers on the northern side have been washed away.

19 January

We also need to advise you that the airstrip on Moolman's property cannot be used at all due to the enormous deterioration caused by the recent heavy rains. This has caused an enormous donga to form right through the middle of the strip and massive construction work will have to be undertaken before it may be landed on.

I'm sure you've been on the website in the last two days and seen what the power of water has done – we just cannot underestimate the power of nature that's for sure. Zebra dam also had its wall breached during the heavy rains and luckily Joe got to Wildebeeste dam before it too was breached. The TLB was brought in and the spill way cleared and the dam was rescued. All other dams are full and intact.

Below is the current situation on the property:

The Sedumoni still not passable but water levels have dropped even further than what it was at 18h00 last night.

Grietjie access road - dam near the buffalo project broke and the road is not passable due to scouring and water still flowing. It may take a day or two to effect repairs if there is no more rain.

Roads:

Main access road – all drivable

From gate to Wildebeest dam- a lot of seepage and vehicle tyres will cause rutting.

From Mopani Cnr to B22 turn off -a lot of seepage and vehicle tyres will cause rutting.

Camp rd below B30 turn off +/- 100m some damage.

Dead lead- relatively minor damage in places.

Secret valley road not usable at present.

Sedumoni crossings - access points scoured but should be able to repair relatively easily when it's dried out a bit.

No damage to houses other than leaking roofs- will be accessing and quantifying these today and will advise members should your unit be affected.

Please bear with us whilst we slowly (as that's all we are able to do at the moment without getting stuck) get around the units and reserve to ascertain further damages.

Kind regards
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