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Weekend Road Closure for Emergency Water Line Repair; Research Forest Closed in Both Directions at Technology Forest

Alternate routes encouraged through Monday

The Woodlands, Texas—A major water line break occurred in The Woodlands under the eastbound lanes of Research Forest Drive near Technology Forest Friday afternoon. San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County Precinct 3, and Montgomery County Constable's Office are all working closely to restore the area. The Woodlands is not anticipated to have interruption of water service.

The cause of the break is not known at this time. The leak has been isolated and work has begun to repair the underground line. Valves have been closed to reduce pressure and flow to the water line that is about 11 feet below Research Forest Drive.

“While we are unclear on exactly how long traffic will be disrupted, we feel confident that we are looking at days and not a week,” said Jace Houston General Manager of the San Jacinto River Authority. “We’re working with the county to get the westbound lanes open soon; eastbound will take a little longer. Our top priority is to reopen all lanes on Research Forest Drive as quickly and as safely as possible.”

Alternate Routes Encouraged. Travelers are encouraged to avoid Research Forest Drive if possible. If traveling in the area over the weekend:

- Traffic will be heavy in the area, particularly at New Trails and Technology Forest.
- East-west traveling motorists are recommended to avoid this stretch of Research Forest Drive
- Use alternative routes such as Woodlands Parkway, Lake Woodlands Drive, and SH 242
- Plan ahead for Sunday travel
- Have an alternate plan for school travel Monday morning.

Traffic information and alternate routes will be updated frequently.

Conroe ISD, The Woodlands Township, Woodlands Water, and other partners have been notified of the latest developments. Please continue to check San Jacinto River Authority on Facebook [@San Jacinto River Authority SJRA](#) for updates.

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