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EMERGENCY CLOSURE SR2/US 76 BETWEEN HIAWASSEE AND CLAYTON

Hiawassee, Ga. – ALL LANES ARE OPEN, State Route 2/US 76 between Hiawassee and Clayton due to a tractor trailer crash at Cassie Lane.

“The pavement will be rough until we can remove the damaged layer of asphalt tomorrow. The fire melted the tar out of the asphalt leaving only the gravel. An area almost one lane wide and 528 feet long will be removed and replaced tomorrow. One lane will be closed beginning at 9 a.m. to 4p.m. for the repair work. Thanks to the Georgia State Patrol, Towns County Emergency Responders and Sheriff’s Department of Towns County for their coordinated effort to reopen the roadway so quickly. It took cooperation and hard work to get the road safely reopened for use,” explained Brent Cook, Georgia DOT District Engineer serving Northeast Georgia.

What: A tractor trailer carrying 10,000 gallons of fuel crashed on State Route 2 at Cassie Lane in Towns County, east of Berrong Lake.

When: Crash occurred about 8:30 a.m. on Highway 2/US 76. Georgia DOT hopes to complete assessment and have details for opening the roadway late this afternoon. The road opened for use with rough pavement at 3:35 p.m., about 7 hours after the crash. Repairs are planned tomorrow 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. closing one lane of the roadway.

Where: State Route 2/US 76 east of Hiawassee and east of Berrong at Cassie Lane Lake in Towns County.

The detour is no longer in place.

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