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Hawkeye Wildlife Shooting Range Closure begins May 15, 2023

Johnson County, Iowa – The Hawkeye Wildlife Shooting Range will be closed starting Monday May 15, 2023. The closure includes both the shotgun/archery and rifle/pistol ranges. The Iowa DNR intends to perform maintenance at the ranges and the F20 (Amana Road NW) reconstruction project will begin hauling material from the borrow site located behind the shotgun range to the project area to the east.

A list of alternative shooting ranges is available at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Places-to-Hunt-Shoot/Iowa-Shooting-Ranges>.

“There is no target shooting allowed throughout the Hawkeye Wildlife Area and surrounding wildlife areas, and anyone caught violating this rule will be cited,” said Steve Woodruff, wildlife biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources’ Iowa River Unit. “Shooters are encouraged to explore other ranges to target practice.”

Construction is anticipated to be completed by September 2023. Connolly Construction, Inc. of Peosta, Iowa is the prime contractor.

For updates on this project, visit the Secondary Roads Department, Road Construction Updates link on the Johnson County webpage (www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov) and follow Secondary Roads on Twitter @JCSecondaryRoad.

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