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Snake Creek Bridge Closed to Marine Traffic in Advance of Tropical Storm Fred *In Monroe County*

MIAMI, Fla. – In preparation for Tropical Storm Fred, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and Monroe County, will close the Snake Creek Bridge to marine traffic at 8 a.m., Saturday, August 14, in advance of tropical storm-force winds. The bridge will remain closed to marine navigation for the duration of severe weather and until the drawbridge and waterway can be assessed for damages.

Mariners who need to navigate through the Snake Creek drawbridge are advised that the bridge may not be operating on normal publicized schedules as early as 36 hours prior to the forecasted storm arrival. The drawbridge will not be operating upon arrival of gale-force winds (34 knots or higher) or following a mandatory Monroe County evacuation order.

Mariners are encouraged to frequently check the USCG Notice to Mariners for updates and additional information at Sector Key West, homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/key-west

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