

Attention Late Edition

BEWARE BAJA A TRAVEL ALERT P/C R. H. ROWLAND JN



I know most of us travel south by water (ocean water that is – not rain water). But occasionally a car is more convenient. So I want to pass on some information I just received from some friends in Mexico. The last rain storms, in late January, hit Baja big time and played havoc with Hwy 1, and since it's the best road in Baja, I suspect with all Baja roads. Since Marcia and keep a boat down there our friends and neighbors keep us informed of, among other things, road conditions (just in case we ever get crazy enough to go back to driving down).

On Hwy 1 in the State of Baja, that is, the northern half of the peninsula, flooding has washed away many bridges, between Ensenada and San Quintin. These, for the most part, are fairly new bridges and built to US standards. It is not expected that by-passes can begin to be constructed i.e. dug through the mud, for a week or so until the water level lowers. New bridges are a long time away. They usually pave (sort of) the by-pass after the rains is over.

We have friends who were turned back just south of Ensenada. Another couple is now stuck in San Quintin with downed bridges boat ahead and behind them.

If anyone is planning a Baja trip (at any time, not just after a storm, a couple of web-sites may be of interest:

<http://forums.bajanomad.com>

Click on; Road Conditions

Click on; Hwy 1 TJ to Guerero Negro

Or click; El Rosario Baja California

<http://forums.bajanomad.com/viewthread.php?tid=43772>