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Historic Red Covered Bridge in Princeton is closed

OTTAWA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the Red Covered Bridge north of Princeton in Bureau County is closed to traffic after it was severely damaged by a semi. The one-lane timber truss bridge carries Old Dad Joe Trail over Bureau Creek and is located a half-mile west of Illinois 26.

The bridge will remain closed until further notice as IDOT assesses the damages and examines repair options. No detours will be posted while the bridge is closed.

The Red Covered Bridge is the only state-owned covered bridge open to traffic and was originally completed in 1864 as an important part of the Galena Trail from Peoria to Galena. The bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. It was last repaired in 2020.

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