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Press Release

**FLOODING IN SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE**

Following heavy rains in Mount Kenya and Laikipia regions, the River Uaso Nyiro burst its banks in the early morning (4<sup>th</sup> March) causing heavy destruction down stream. Two main bridges in and out of Samburu National Reserve were rendered impassable (at Archer's Post and Samburu Gate). Joint efforts between the Kenya Air Force, the Police, the Kenya Wildlife Service, British Army and private sector assisted in airlifting guests, staff and people trapped to safety.

Like most properties in the area Samburu Intrepids Camp suffered extensive damage to the newly refurbished tents, public areas, back-of-house and equipment. Despite all the destruction, Heritage is pleased to announce that the in-house guests and all 66 members of staff suffered no injuries and managed to evacuate guests back to Nairobi or their next safari destination.

Due to the extent of the damage, Samburu Intrepids has been closed, and will remain so, for the next couple of months in the near future as we analyze the extent of the damage and commence reconstruction. Progress updates will be sent out regularly.

For those who had firm bookings at Samburu Intrepids, please contact the Reservations Manager, Tabitha Muchogu on [tabitha.muchogu@heritagehotels.co.ke](mailto:tabitha.muchogu@heritagehotels.co.ke) or the Sales Account Manager for the property, Peter Kimani on [peter.kimani@heritagehotels.co.ke](mailto:peter.kimani@heritagehotels.co.ke) to get the several alternatives that have been worked out for you.

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