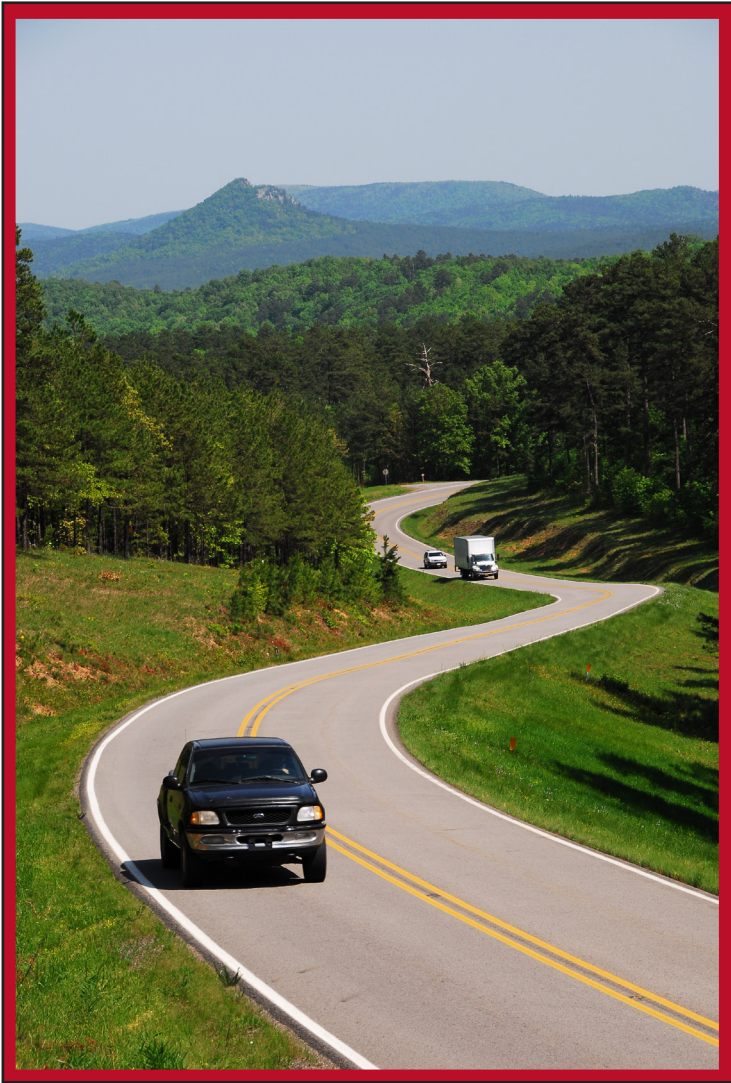


2009

Annual Report

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department





Highway 7 in Perry County



On the Cover:

The new Highway 82 Bridge over the Mississippi River, in Chicot County, was featured on the cover of the 2009 Arkansas State Highway Map.

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Mission Statement: To provide a safe, efficient, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound intermodal transportation system for the user.



Director's Message

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is pleased to present its Annual Report for the year 2009.

In this report are the highlights and successes that the Department has experienced over the past calendar year.

The year was a success in a number of ways due to the dedication and hard work of the Arkansas State Highway Commission and the Department staff working across the state.

Playing a prominent role for all Departments of Transportation in 2009 was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The Act provided Arkansas with \$351 million to use on roadway projects. The result is 127 projects spread across the state that includes work ranging from resurfacing to new traffic signals and from new passing lanes to major freeway improvements.

The year also saw the creation of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Committee on Highway Finance. Act 374 of 2009 created the Committee with a purpose of "defining an equitable and adequate system to properly finance improvements to the systems of state highways, county roads and city streets within the state." The Committee is to propose legislation that can be brought before the General Assembly in 2011.

Bids were opened on 222 highway projects in 2009. The largest of those projects, at \$34.8 million, is located in Monroe County and is one of three projects that will relocate Highway 79 in the area and build a new bridge over the White River. A \$24.8 million project in Lawrence County will construct the embankment and bridges for ten miles of widening on Highway 67, on new location.

Other projects begun in 2009 include improvements to the Interstate 430/630 interchange in Little Rock, the widening of Highway 65 in Desha and Lincoln counties and the widening of Highway 67 in Pulaski County.

Officials from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Department of Parks and Tourism cut the ribbon on a new Arkansas Welcome Center located on Interstate 55 in Blytheville. It is the fifth Welcome Center to be reconstructed in recent years.

And finally, the Department was proud to be the recipient of several prestigious awards in 2009. Among them were a national Roadway Safety Award for an innovative program that installed centerline rumble strips on Highway 7 in northwest Arkansas and a Perpetual Pavement Award for a stretch of Highway 79 in Ouachita County.

This report includes details on these accomplishments and many more over the past year.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Flowers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

AHTD Director Dan Flowers

2009 Arkansas State Highway Commission



Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum, of Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 16, 2001. Rosenbaum currently serves as the Chairman of Safefoods Corporation in North Little Rock and Arkansas Glass Container Corporation in Jonesboro. In addition to his business career, Rosenbaum has served on a number of civic boards and organizations. Rosenbaum's previous experience in public service includes serving as a member of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, as International Director of Rotary International, serving on the Advisory Board of UAMS Arkansas BioVentures as well as the Advisory Council of the Eighth District Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. His term will expire in January 2011.



Commission Vice Chairman R. Madison Murphy, of El Dorado, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 14, 2003. He began work as a Junior Accountant for Murphy Oil in 1980 and moved up to Junior Auditor and Associate Auditor. In 1982, he moved to London, England, to serve as an Associate Auditor for Murphy Eastern Oil. He later served as the Supply Coordinator for Crude Oil and Products, the Manager of Treasury and Financial Controls and the Manager of Supply, Trading and Refinery Planning. In 1987, Murphy moved to New Orleans to serve as Executive Assistant for the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company. He returned to El Dorado in 1988 as Vice President of Planning for Murphy Oil and later served as the company's Treasurer, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, and Chairman of the Board. He is currently a member of the board for Murphy Oil, Deltic Timber Corporation and Bancorp South, Inc., as well as President of the Murphy Foundation. His term will expire in January 2013.



Commissioner John Ed Regenold, of Armorel, was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee effective January 26, 2005. He is a longtime business and civic leader in east Arkansas. He is Chairman of the Armorel Planting Company. Former Governor Huckabee previously appointed Regenold to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. He is also a member of the St. Francis Levee Board and is a Commissioner for the District 17 Drainage District. He is the Chairman of the Mississippi County Hospital System Board and a member of the board of the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation. His term will expire in January of 2015.



Commissioner Cliff Hoofman, of North Little Rock, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 18, 2007. Hoofman, an attorney and cattle farmer, served in the House of Representatives for eight years before serving in the State Senate for 20 years. While in the Senate, he served as Floor Leader for Governor Bill Clinton from 1983 to 1986. He was Chairman of the Budget Committee and he served as Senate Chairman of the Legislative Council from 1997 through 2000. After his tenure in the legislature, Hoofman served four years in the Attorney General's office as Director of Legislative Affairs. Prior to his service at the Capitol, Hoofman served two years as City Attorney for the City of North Little Rock. His term will expire in January of 2017.



Commissioner Dick Trammel, of Rogers, was appointed by Governor Mike Beebe effective January 12, 2009. He currently serves as Executive Vice President, member of the Board of Directors and Board Secretary of Arvest Bank, Rogers. He is past President and current member of the Board of the Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Rogers-Lowell United Way board and twice served as Drive Chairman. Trammel is a past President of the Rotary Club of Rogers and past Governor of Rotary International District 6110. Trammel is a founding Director, Director Emeritus and past Chairman of the Northwest Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute (NARTI). He is a charter member, past Chairman and past board member of the Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College. His term will expire in January of 2019.

New Highway Construction

The State administered highway system in Arkansas totals 16,438 miles. Nationally, Arkansas' highway system ranks 12th in mileage and ranks 41st in total highway user revenues per mile.

For 2009, 222 projects totaling \$498,401,522 million were let to contract for state highways, county roads and city streets. That figure is up from the previous year.

The most expensive project let

to contract was located in Monroe County and, with two additional jobs, will build a new bridge over the White River.

Below are the top ten projects let to contract during 2009.

Top Ten Contracts Awarded in 2009

Rank	Project	Location	Award Amount
1	Relocation of Highway 79 for new White River bridge	Monroe	\$34,873,250
2	Embankment & bridges for Highway 67 - new location	Lawrence	\$24,816,799
3	Widening of Highway 167	Grant	\$23,481,686
4	Widening of Highway 167	Dallas	\$21,912,648
5	Improvements to Interstate 430/630 interchange	Pulaski	\$18,813,387
6	Widening of Highway 65	Desha/Lincoln	\$16,607,226
7	Widening of Highway 65	Desha	\$15,576,963
8	Railroad overpass on Highway 165	Arkansas	\$14,518,002
9	Highway 71/Highway 22 interchange	Sebastian	\$13,756,569
10	Widening of Highway 67	Pulaski	\$13,677,341

Total Award Amounts 2003 - 2009

Year	Number of Jobs	Total Amount
2003	250	\$474,156,141
2004	247	\$425,122,871
2005	228	\$382,804,881
2006	173	\$377,251,887
2007	202	\$374,889,601
2008	187	\$373,741,532
2009	222	\$498,401,522



Widening on Highway 167 in El Dorado.



Widening on Highway 65 in Lincoln County.



Highway 67 overpass in Prescott.

Ribbon Cuttings

Ribbons were cut on numerous new construction projects across the state in 2009.

The widening of 1.3 miles of **Highway 133**, in Crossett, was officially opened on July 23rd. The \$3.7 million job was awarded to Ideal Construction Company and widened the highway to five lanes between Highway 82 and Highway 133 Spur.

AHTD officials and staff joined local dignitaries in Eureka Springs on July 29th to cut a ribbon on a new southbound passing lane on **Highway 23**, south of town. The \$2.3 million project is one mile in length and was awarded to Jimmy Jones Excavation, Inc. of Berryville, Arkansas.

Officials from the Department and from the Department of Parks and Tourism gathered in Blytheville on August 7th to cut a ribbon on the new **Arkansas Welcome Center** on Interstate 55 near the Missouri state line. Olympus Construction Company of Lowell, Arkansas, was awarded the contract for \$3.6 million.

A new 17-mile section of four-lane **Highway 67** on new location was opened north of Newport on October 9th. Governor Mike Beebe joined AHTD officials and staff to cut a ribbon on the \$93 million project. The improvements extend from Highway 18 at Newport northward to Highway 226.

A ribbon was cut in northeast Cabot on the new **Highway 38** railroad overpass on July 10th. The \$6.4 million project was awarded to M.J. Lee Construction Company. The new section of Highway 38 connects to Highway 367 north of downtown.



The new Arkansas Welcome Center on Interstate 55 at Blytheville.



A newly widened Highway 133 was officially opened to traffic in July.



Dignitaries cut the ribbon on a new passing lane on Highway 23 near Eureka Springs.



The opening of Highway 67 on new location near Newport.



The ribbon is cut on the new Highway 38 overpass at Cabot.

Recognition

The Department was recognized in 2009 for outstanding work in numerous areas.

The Department received a national award for an innovative project that placed rumble strips on the centerline of Highway 7 in north central Arkansas. The **Roadway Safety Award** was presented by the Roadway Safety Foundation and the Federal Highway Administration. The innovative program installed centerline rumble strips on a 74-mile section of Highway 7 in Pope, Newton and Boone counties resulting in a 41% reduction in all crashes. Head on and opposite direction sideswipe crashes were reduced by 56% during a study period.

The Department won a **Perpetual Pavement Award** from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA) for a 1.2-mile stretch of Highway 79. Arkansas' award-winning road is a section of Highway 79, in Ouachita County, near Camden. The R.H. Davis Construction Company built the first .21-mile section in 1966. Reynolds & Williams built the remainder in 1973. It was resurfaced only once, in 2003, with a two-inch

overlay. There have been no other repairs on the pavement.

The Department was honored by the Arkansas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, with a **Pro Patria Award**. The award recognizes organizations for demonstrating exceptional support to guard and reserve employees.

The Arkansas Highway Police Division was recognized by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for outstanding data quality. The **Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Programs Leadership Award for Overall Data Quality** recognizes the timely collection and recording of accurate and complete commercial motor vehicle crash and inspection records to the FMCSA.

Rick Cranford, Public Transportation Coordinator for the AHTD, received the **Arkansas Transit Association's President's Award** given in recognition of the recipient's commitment and professional contribution to the Arkansas public transportation industry.

At the 2009 North American Inspector Championship held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Arkansas Highway Police PFC James Canard was recognized as a member of an eight-person "**Top Team**" that scored the highest average during the competition in numerous categories. Canard was recognized as the Arkansas Highway Police top inspector for the second consecutive year at the 2009 Arkansas Inspector competition.

The **7th Annual Southeast Regional Equipment Operators Rodeo** was held in Hot Springs in October. The AHTD won the competition. It is the fifth top finish for Arkansas since the competition began in 2003. It also marks the seventh year the Department has finished in the top-three.

The **National Work Zone Memorial**, a traveling exhibition memorializing men, women and children who have lost their lives in roadway work zones, was on display in February. Two AHTD employees, Bruce Fick of District Five and Jerome Harris of District Six, are among the names included in the memorial.



(l. to r.) Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, AHTD Traffic Safety Sect. Head Jon Waldrip and Roadway Safety Foundation Director Greg Cohen with the Safety Award.



The National Work Zone Memorial at the Capitol Building in Little Rock.



(l. to r.) John Suskie of the Asphalt Pavement Association, Commission Chair Carl Rosenbaum, Commission Vice Chair Madison Murphy and AHTD Director Dan Flowers with the Perpetual Pavement Award.

Public Involvement

Early and ongoing input from citizens in local communities is something the Highway and Transportation Department insists on when planning for new roadways .

Our Public Involvement meetings that are held around the state are an effective way to share design plans and maps for new roadways and also receive feedback from citizens and local officials that live in the project area. The meetings also allow the Department staff to answer any questions that may arise.

The Department held 26 public meetings across the state in 2009. Over 1,620 people attended in order to exchange information with our staff.

Public meetings were held in Ash Flat, Batesville, Bella Vista, Berryville, Cash, Centerton, Clarksville, Dumas, Enola, Fayetteville, Flippin, Jordan, Lake Village, Little Rock, Mt. Vernon, Magnolia, Marianna, Monticello, North Little Rock, Paragould, Russellville, Searcy, Springdale, White Hall and Wynne.

(top to bottom) Photos on this page are from public meetings held in Monticello, Dumas and Berryville.

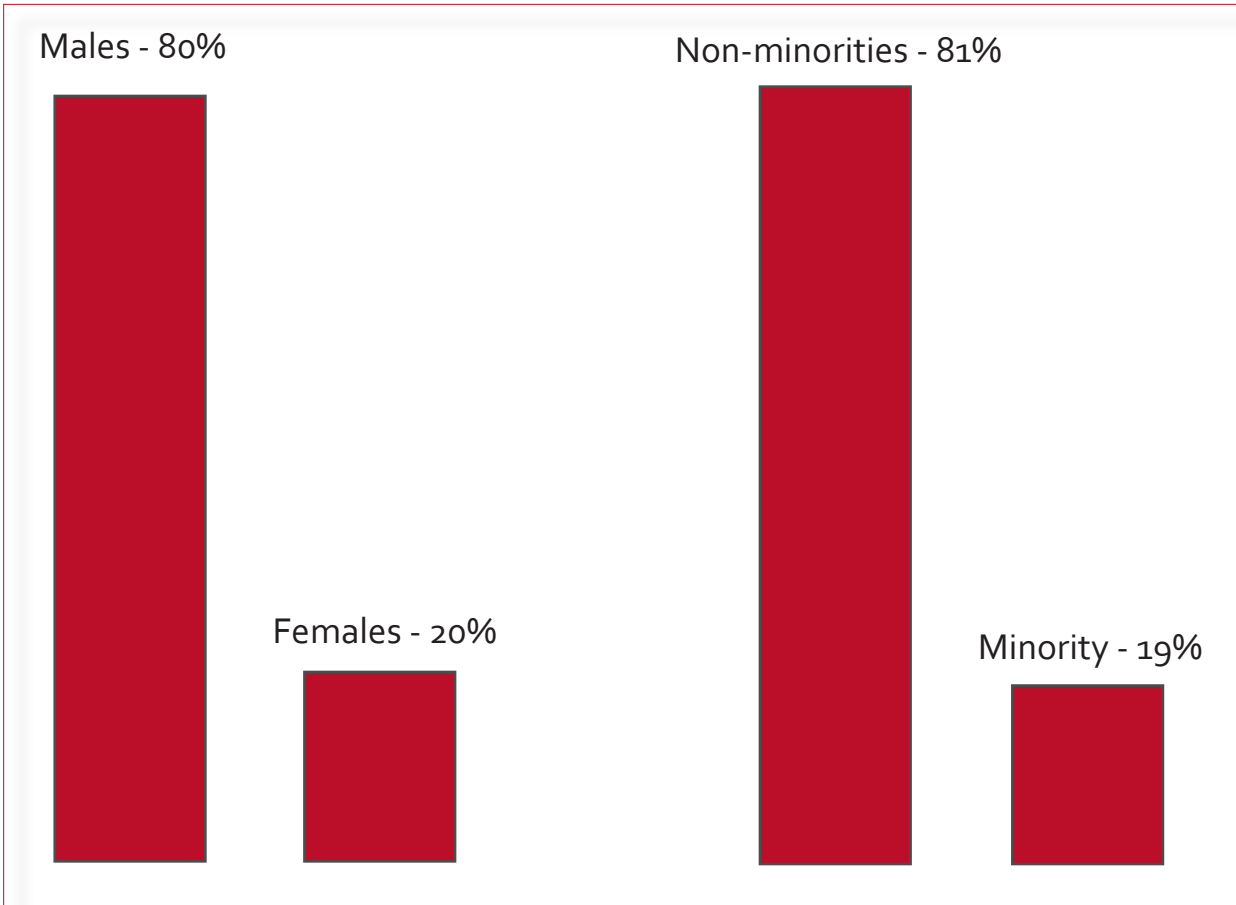


Department Workforce

The AHTD workforce numbered 3,569 employees at the end of 2009. That is a decrease of 29 employees compared to the close of 2008.

For 2009, there were 2,850 males (80%) and 719 females (20%), with 2,879 non-minorities (81%) and 690 minorities (19%).

Since 2006, the representation of minorities in the Department has increased slightly.



Carolina Castellanos, Construction Field Engineer II, District Six



Billy Jo Roberts, Storeroom Supervisor, District Nine



Dorothy Childs, Area Headquarters Attendant, District One

Organization

The Arkansas Highway Commission and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department have enjoyed over 50 years of progress under the structure envisioned by two State Senators, Y.M. Mack and Lawrence Blackwell.

Together, they wrote Amendment 42 to the Arkansas Constitution. This landmark amendment,

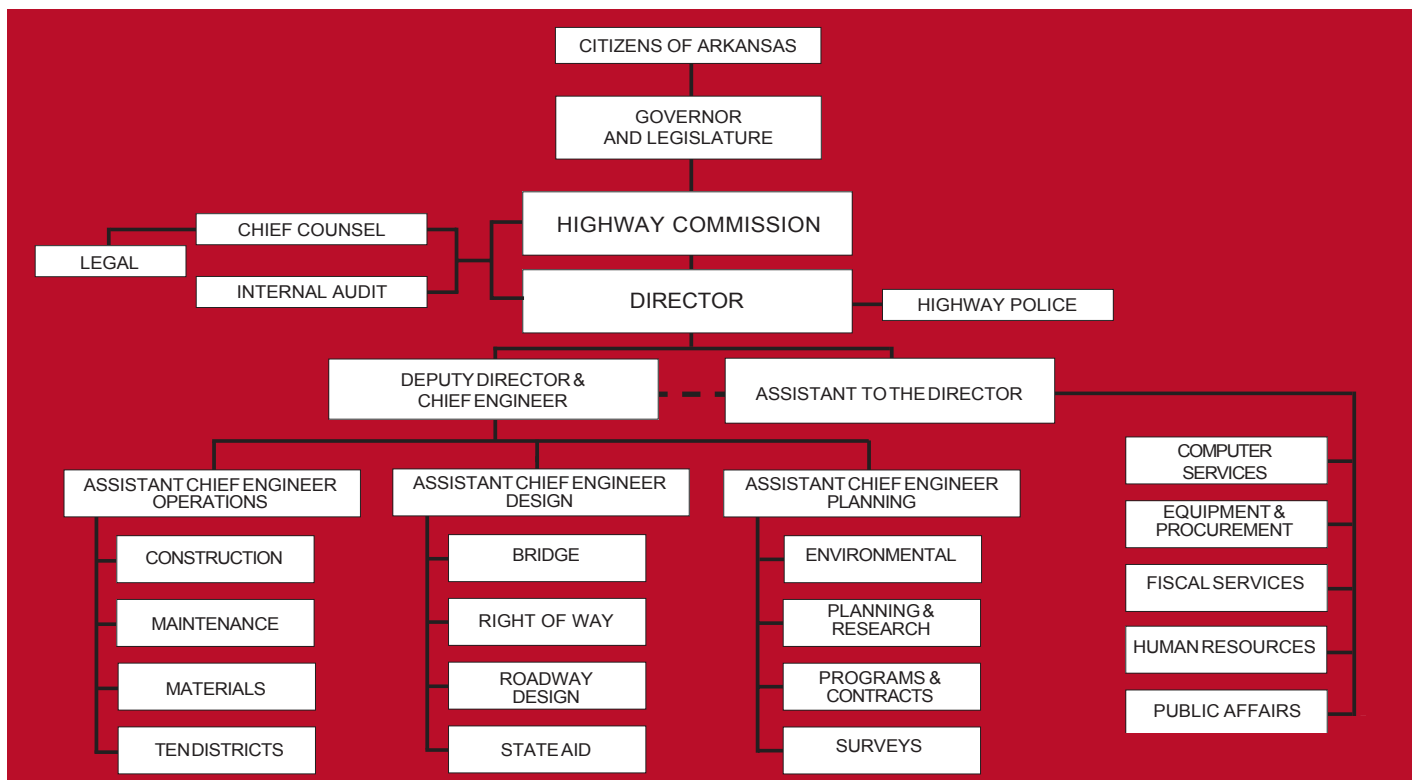
commonly known as the Mack-Blackwell Amendment, provides that each of the five Arkansas Highway Commissioners serves a ten-year staggered term, with a new commissioner being appointed by the Governor every two years.

The Commission is assigned all powers necessary to fully and effectively

administer Arkansas laws and regulations relating to AHTD operations.

The Department Director is appointed by the Commission and is responsible not only for developing a professional staff, but also building, maintaining and overseeing 16,438 miles of highway.

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



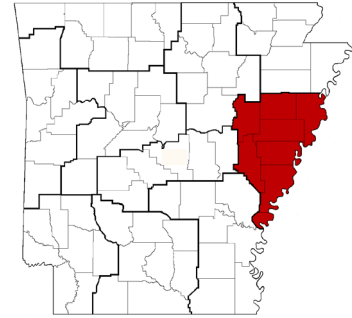
(l. to r.) Assistant Chief Engineer - Design, Phil McConnell; Assistant to the Director, Ralph Hall; Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning, Scott Bennett; AHTD Director Dan Flowers; Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations, Emanuel Banks; Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, Frank Vozel; and Chief Counsel, Robert L. Wilson.

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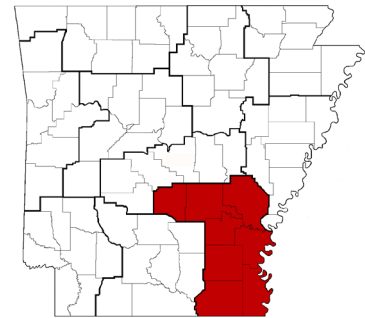
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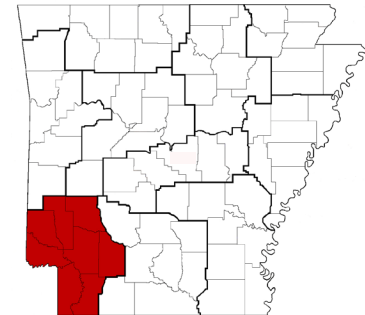
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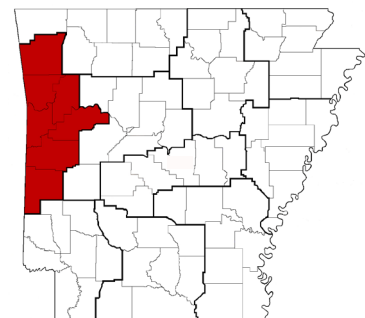
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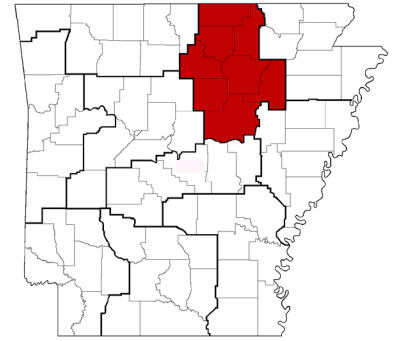


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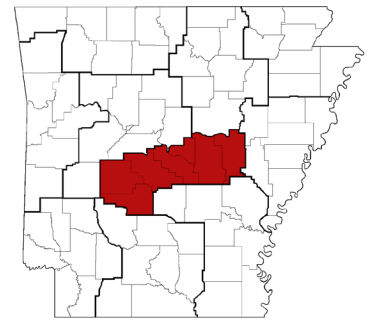
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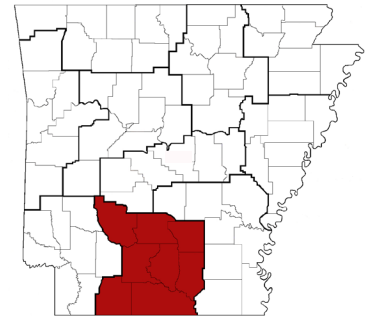
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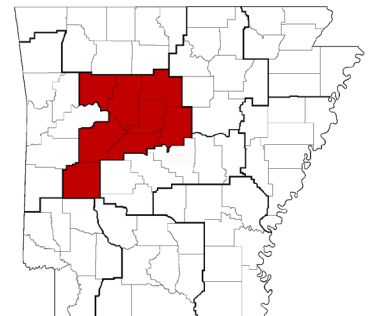
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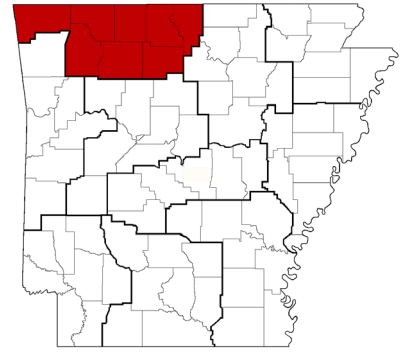


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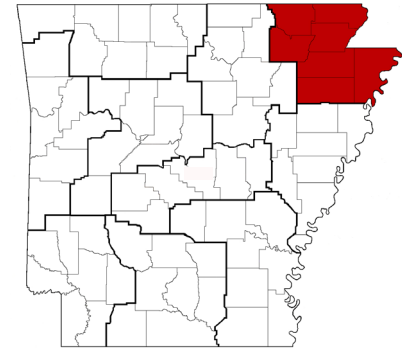
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*Highway 155 on Mt. Nebo
in Yell County*



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